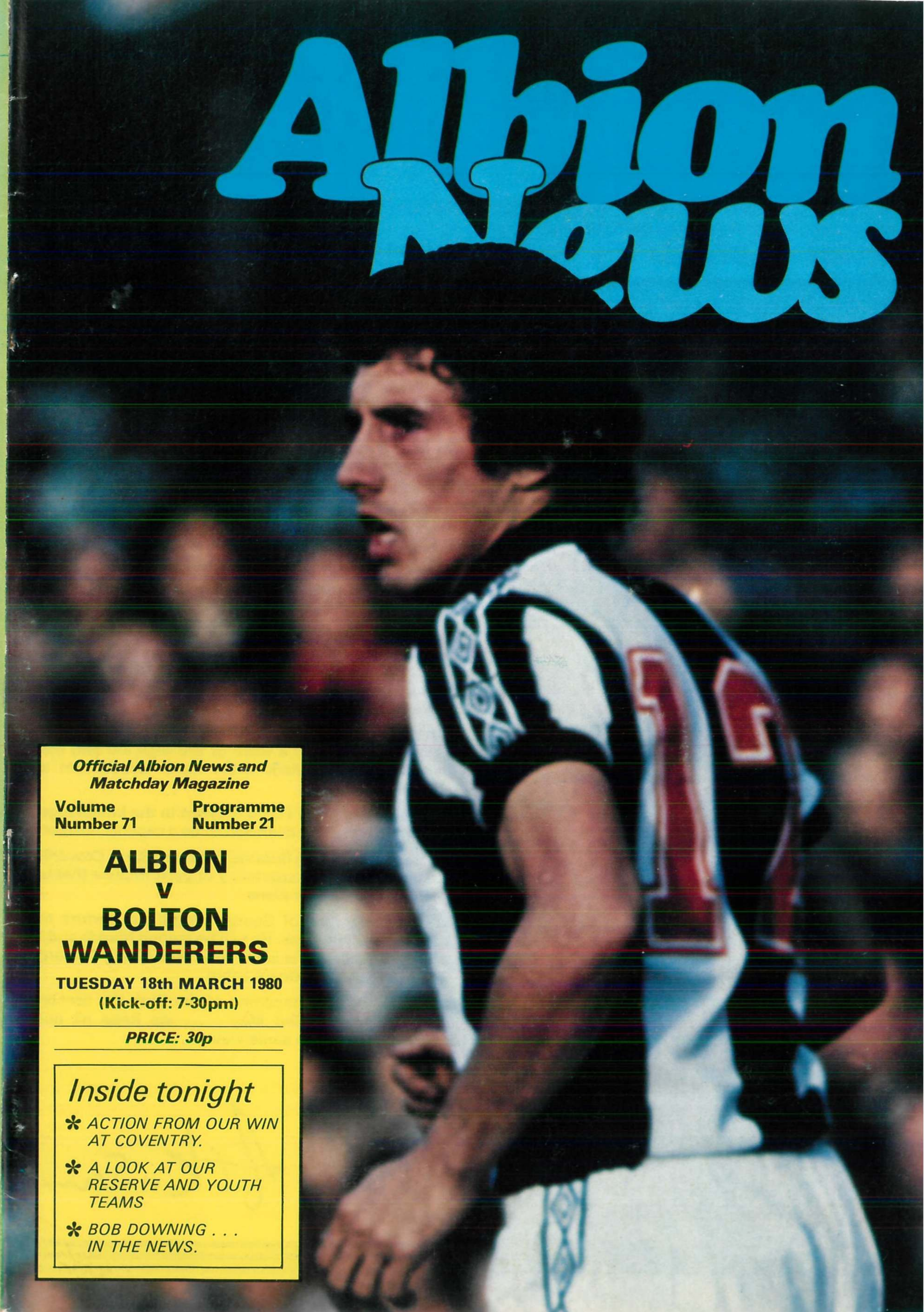


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Had we been playing Bolton Wanderers as originally scheduled I would have been welcoming an old friend of mine Ian Greaves. Ian has vacated the managerial chair, with Stan Anderson taking over, and already the signs are that team selections are being based on the future and the possibility of regaining a First Division place.

No doubt with the pressure being lifted a little, Bolton will be coming at us strongly and that we can expect a hard game.

To beat Nottingham Forest and then Norwich City, has meant them trebling the number of home wins and will have given them renewed heart.

Between now and the end of the season, we shall be playing more home matches in the evenings, however, don't let that put you off coming.

Your support this season has been good and the lads need you behind them to lift them to a higher place in the table.

I have already said that I should like the opportunity to have a look at more of our younger players in First Division action, however, it is imperative that our present League status is secured, so you can help me there by giving the team great support.

Already Martyn Bennett, Remi Moses and Derek Monaghan have had a taste of the high life and the performances of Mark Grew have earned him a chance too.

I was able to release David Stewart in the knowledge that Mark had proved himself to be a capable 'keeper.

Ian Benjamin, Kevin Summerfield and Barry Cowdrill too are showing a consistency of performance that is keeping them in my plans.

You probably read of George Wright's departure to Vancouver Whitecaps. He will be among friends and I wish him well, at the same time welcoming Richard Roberts to our treatment room.

As far as we are concerned at the Club the season doesn't end until 3rd May . . . we hope all our supporters take the same view.

Ran Atkinson



Some of our young players Manager Ron Atkinson would like to see in First Division action . . . See Ron's comments, left.

Above: Ian Benjamin on the coach travelling to an away fixture with team mate Martyn Bennett.

Bottom left: Derek Monaghan.

Below: Mark Grew.



BOLTON

Formed in 1874 as Christ Church FC, becoming Bolton Wanderers three years later, they are, like ourselves, founder members of the Football League.

The Wanderers have had a chequered career with spells in Divisions Two and Three, although from 1911 they had 22 years in the top flight.

Never First Division Champions, they have been in third spot on one occasion, and the record books shows them as FA Cup Winners four times, Second Division Champions twice and Third Division Champions on one occasion.

Both Bolton and Albion were very much in contention for promotion from Division Two in the 1975-76 season and only a last match win at Oldham saw us go up at the expense of the 'Trotters'.

A repeat of the situation occurred the following season with them just missing out for third place promotion spot much to Manager Ian Greaves chagrin.

Then 1977-78 saw it all happen for Bolton, Division Two winners over Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur they finally made it back to the top flight.

Probably the best remembered player of Wanderers is Nat Lofthouse, known as 'The Lion of Vienna'. Nat appeared in an England shirt no less than 33 times whilst with Bolton.

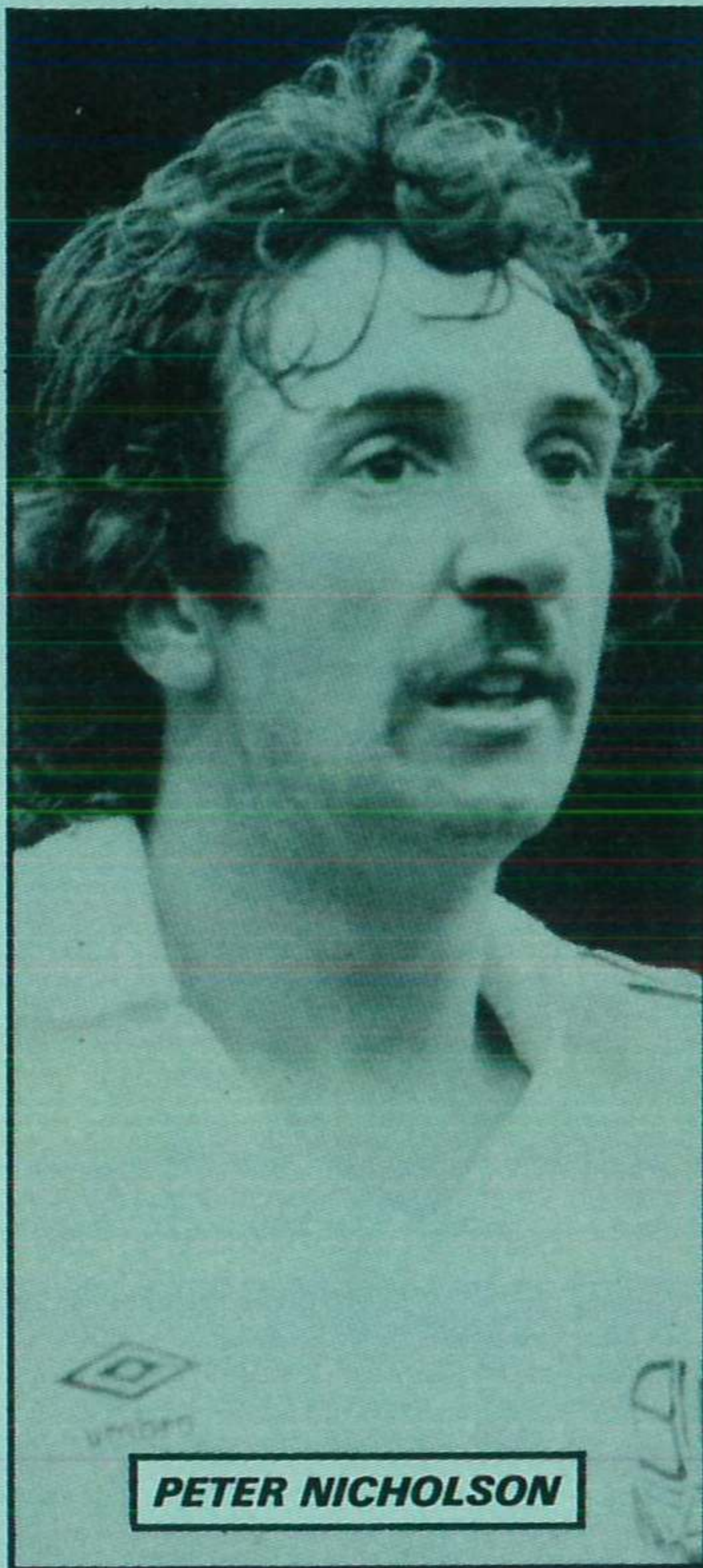
Another international, goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson, holds the club record for League appearances for Bolton, totting up 519 in a 14-year spell.

Len Cantello heads the list as Bolton's most expensive signing, £350,000 changing hands for his signature when he left Albion in May last year.

Len's prowess is well known to us and no doubt he and his colleagues will be giving their utmost in the quest for points to give them a much needed lift up the table.

Ian Greaves is still looking for fire-power up front, having recently transferred seasoned campaigner Frank Worthington to our near neighbours Birmingham City, and his team selection could be from the following.

JIM McDONAGH—goalkeeper. Jim must be the bargain of the decade, signing for the club for a £10,000 fee three seasons ago after a month on loan. Six feet tall, he matches his height with



Below: CHRIS THOMPSON



ability and has proved to be a very consistent goalkeeper.

TERRY POOLE—goalkeeper. Signed from Huddersfield Town three years ago for a £25,000 fee, Terry has found his opportunities strictly limited by the good form of Jim McDonagh. Before the start of the season he had made just one first-team appearance, in the League Cup at Exeter in 1978.

DAVID BURKE—defender. David emerged on the first-team scene at the start of last season. From Winsford, Cheshire, he made his senior debut against Chelsea in the League Cup. Can play at full-back or in midfield and is a very exciting prospect.

DAVE CLEMENT—defender. An England international full-back, signed from Queen's Park Rangers for a £150,000 fee during the close season. He is a very experienced player who adds stability to Wanderers' back line and enjoys joining in attacks as well.

PETER NICHOLSON—defender. Signed by Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. He can play anywhere in defence and adapted in fine style to the demands of the First Division last season.

ROY GREAVES—midfield. Bolton's longest-serving player. Born in Farnworth, near Bolton, he has a well-earned reputation for being a non-stop worker who likes to be involved all the time.

PAUL JONES—defender. Paul is a tall, quick tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals.

SAM ALLARDYCE—defender. A central defender born in the Midlands, joining Wanderers from school. Made his debut in 1975 and is another player who can score goals, particularly with his head from set pieces. Had a spell out of the side last season after losing his place because of injury.

MIKE WALSH—defender. Born in Manchester, Mike joined Wanderers from school. He earned a regular place in the side after being groomed for a couple of seasons and is equally proficient in the middle of the defence, full-back or midfield.



**ALAN
GOWLING**

NEIL McNAB—midfield. Signed for Wanderers from Tottenham Hotspur last season for £250,000. A willing worker he is a fine passer of the ball and enjoys himself in the thick of the action.

PETER REID—midfield. Signed for Bolton from school on Merseyside. Was a regular member of the England Under-21 side, which he also skippered. A talented player who had the misfortune to sustain a severe knee injury which put him out of action for the second half of last season.

LEN CANTELLO—midfield. Len cost Bolton a record £350,000 fee when signed from Albion in the close season. He is the sort of midfield player who delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

WILLIE MORGAN—winger. Started his career with Burnley then moved to Manchester United for a big fee. Returned to Burnley and was signed by Wanderers four seasons ago on a free transfer. A Scottish international, Willie spent last summer playing in American football.

NEIL WHATMORE—striker. Strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. Was a prolific scorer in the Second Division, but found his appearances limited last season. Can also play in midfield.

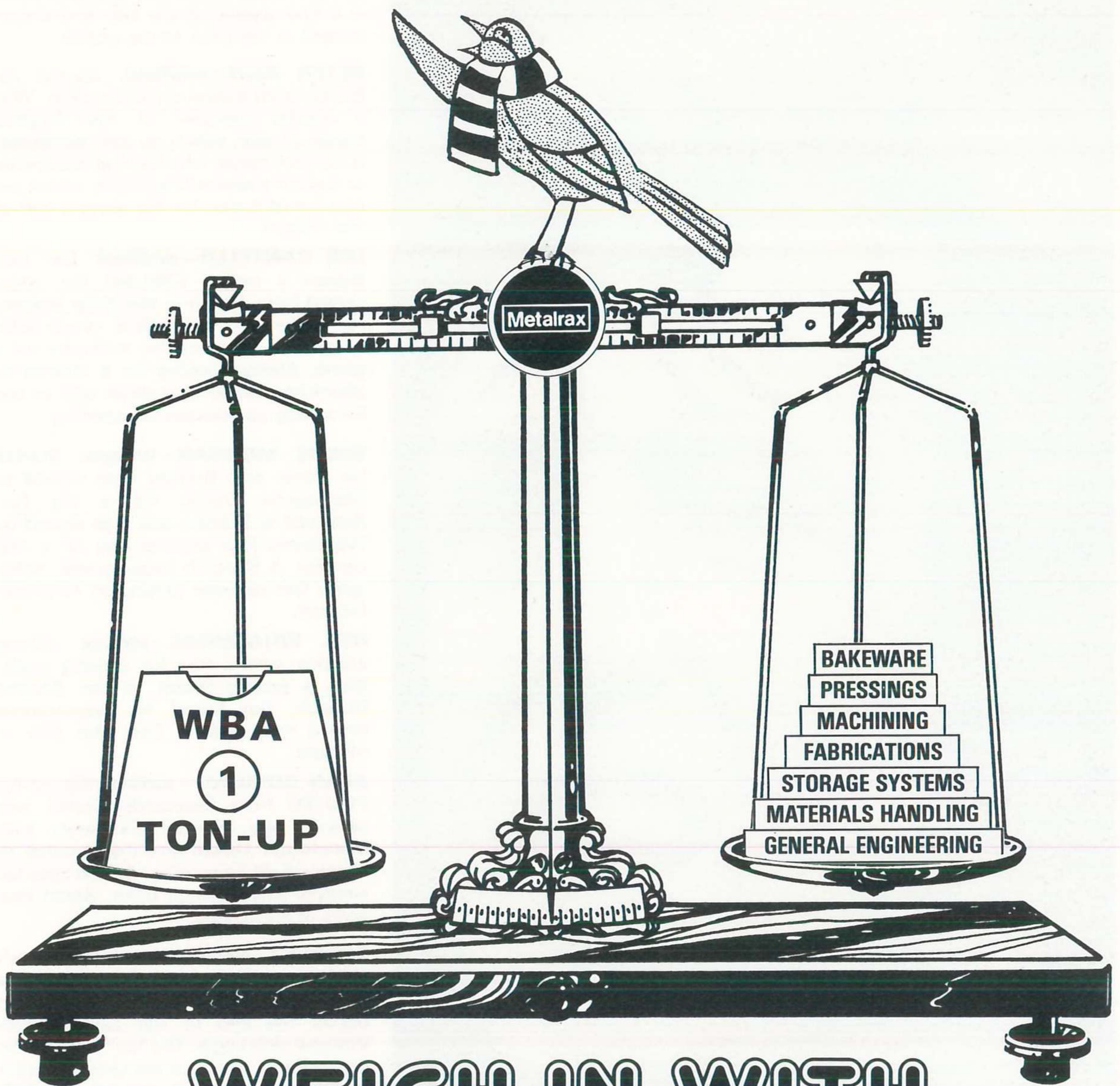
ALAN GOWLING—striker. Signed for £120,000 from Newcastle United two seasons ago. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield Town when Bolton boss Ian Greaves was manager there. Spent four years at Newcastle.

TADEUSZ NOWAK—winger. Polish attacker who won international honours at every level for his country. Signed just before the end of last season from Warsaw club Legia. The fee has not been disclosed by manager Ian Greaves but it is estimated to be around £50,000. Tadeusz is a tall, speedy player who can play in any attacking position.

CHRIS THOMPSON—striker. A speedy attacker with plenty of skill, Chris joined Wanderers from school. He became an apprentice and then signed professional forms in July 1977. Has represented England at Youth level.

MIKE GRAHAM—defender. A youngster who joined Wanderers from school and made the breakthrough to the senior scene last season. A strong tackling full-back, he looks to have a very bright future in the game. Born in Lancaster.

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CENTENARY...of Albion's CATALOGUE League and Cup Results

●1952-53 LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Arsenal	2-0	2-2	Manchester U.	3-1	2-2
Aston Villa	3-2	1-1	Middlesbrough	3-0	2-4
Blackpool	0-1	0-2	Newcastle U.	1-0	5-3
Bolton Wanderers	0-1	1-0	Portsmouth	2-0	2-1
Burnley	1-2	0-5	Preston N.E.	2-1	0-1
Cardiff C.	1-0	2-1	Sheffield W.	0-1	5-4
Charlton A.	3-1	0-0	Stoke C.	3-2	1-5
Chelsea	0-1	2-0	Sunderland	1-1	0-1
Derby County	2-2	1-1	Tottenham H.	2-1	4-3
Liverpool	3-0	0-3	Wolverhampton	1-1	0-2
Manchester C.	2-1	1-0			

League appearances: J. Dudley 42, S. Rickaby 42, R. Allen 41, R. Barlow 41, G. Lee 41, L. Millard 41, R. Ryan 40, N. Heath 36, F. Griffin 35, J. Kennedy 26, J. Nicholls 23, E. Evans 17, J. Dugdale 15, J. Sanders 6, K. Hodgkisson 5, D. Mountford 4, S. Williams 3, W. Carter 2, R. Cutler 1, M. Gallagher 1.

League goalscorers: Allen 20, Lee 10, Griffin 9, Ryan 8, Nicholls 5, Barlow 4, Evans 3, Hodgkisson 3, Dudley 1, opponents (Kenny and Gannon, Sheffield Wednesday and Clarke, Tottenham) 3.

FA CUP

Round 3 West Ham United (a) 4-1
4 Chelsea (a) 1-1
Replay: Chelsea (h) 0-0
2nd Replay: Chelsea (Villa Park) 1-1
3rd Replay: Chelsea (Highbury) 0-4

FA Cup appearances: Allen 5, Dudley 5, Heath 5, Lee 5, Nicholls 5, Ryan 5, Barlow 4, Griffin 4, Millard 4, S. G. Williams 4, Dugdale 3, Rickaby 3, Kennedy 2, Mountford 1.

FA Cup goalscorers: Nicholls 2, Allen 1, Dudley 1, Lee 1, Ryan 1.

Summary: Albion's best season in the First Division since 1932-33, and fourth place was achieved with this record: P-42, W-21, D-8, L-13, F-66, A-60, Pts.-50.

●1953-54 LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Arsenal	2-0	2-2	Manchester U.	2-0	3-1
Aston Villa	1-1	1-6	Middlesbrough	2-1	1-1
Blackpool	2-1	1-4	Newcastle U.	2-2	7-3
Bolton Wanderers	1-1	1-2	Portsmouth	2-3	0-3
Burnley	0-0	4-1	Preston N.E.	3-2	2-0
Cardiff C.	6-1	0-2	Sheffield U.	2-2	2-1
Charlton A.	2-3	1-1	Sheffield W.	4-2	3-2
Chelsea	5-2	0-5	Sunderland	2-0	1-2
Huddersfield T.	4-0	2-0	Tottenham H.	3-0	1-0
Liverpool	5-2	0-0	Wolverhampton	0-1	0-1
Manchester C.	1-0	3-2			

League appearances: J. Dudley 42, G. Lee 41, L. Millard 40, R. Allen 39, R. Barlow 39, J. Nicholls 38, F. Griffin 38, R. Ryan 36, N. Heath 34, S. Rickaby 33, J. Dugdale 32, J. Kennedy 13, S. Williams 10, J. Sanders 7, W. Carter 5, K. Hodgkisson 5, F. Cox 4, W. Brookes 2, G. Jones 2, R. Cutler 1, R. Davies 1.

League goalscorers: Nicholls 28, Allen 27, Ryan 7, Lee 7, Griffin 6, Barlow 5, Cox 1, Dudley 1, Hodgkisson 1, Rickaby 1, opponents (Ramsey, Tottenham and Butler, Sheffield Wednesday) 2.

FA CUP

Round 3 Chelsea (h) 1-0
4 Rotherham United (h) 4-0
5 Newcastle United (h) 3-2
6 Tottenham Hotspur (h) 3-0
Semi-Final: Port Vale (Villa Park) 2-1
Final: Preston North End (Wembley) 3-2

FA Cup appearances: Allen 6, Barlow 6, Dudley 6, Dugdale 6, Griffin 6, Lee 6, Millard 6, Nicholls 6, Ryan 6, Heath 5, Rickaby 5, Kennedy 1, Sanders 1.

FA Cup goalscorers: Allen 7, Nicholls 4, Barlow 1, Dudley 1, Griffin 1, Ryan 1, opponent (Greenwood, Chelsea) 1.

Summary: FA Cup Winners and League runners-up—that was Albion's great effort this season—their best season in fact for over 20 years. Injuries robbed them of the coveted League and Cup double. Their League record in fact, read: P-42, W-22, D-9, L-11, F-86, A-63, Pts.-53.

●1954-55 LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Arsenal	3-1	2-2	Manchester C.	2-1	0-4
Aston Villa	2-3	0-3	Manchester U.	2-0	0-3
Blackpool	0-1	1-3	Newcastle U.	4-2	0-3
Bolton Wanderers	0-0	4-2	Portsmouth	3-1	1-6
Burnley	2-2	2-0	Preston N.E.	2-0	1-3
Cardiff C.	1-0	2-3	Sheffield U.	3-3	2-1
Charlton A.	2-1	3-1	Sheffield W.	1-2	0-5
Chelsea	2-4	3-3	Sunderland	2-2	2-4
Everton	3-3	2-1	Tottenham H.	1-2	1-3
Huddersfield T.	2-1	3-3	Wolverhampton	1-0	0-4
Leicester C.	6-4	3-6			

League appearances: R. Allen 42, J. Dudley 42, L. Millard 42, J. Sanders 38, G. Lee 37, F. Griffin 36, R. Barlow 32, J. Kennedy 32, S. Rickaby 30, W. Carter 26, R. Ryan 25, S. G. Williams 25, J. Nicholls 17, J. Dugdale 13, W. Brookes 12, A. Crowshaw 3, R. Davies 3, K. Hodgkisson 3, A. Jackson 2, G. Barnsley 1, R. Cutler 1.

League goalscorers: Allen 27, Lee 13, Nicholls 12, Carter 9, Griffin 5, Ryan 4, Millard 2, Williams 2, Barlow 1, Jackson 1.

FA CUP

Round 3 Bournemouth (a) 1-0
4 Charlton Athletic (h) 2-4

FA Cup appearances: Allen 2, Barlow 2, Dudley 2, Dugdale 2, Lee 2, Millard 2, Nicholls 2, Rickaby 2, S. Williams 2, Davies 1, Griffin 1, G. Jones 1, Sanders 1.

FA Cup goalscorer: S. Williams 3.

CHARITY SHIELD MATCH

v Wolverhampton Wanderers (a) 4-4

Team: Sanders, Rickaby, Millard, Dudley, Kennedy (Dugdale), Brookes, Griffin, Ryan (Hodgkisson), Allen, Carter, Lee... one appearance each.

Goalscorers: Allen 3, Ryan 1.

Summary: This was a complete "turn-around" in form by Albion from the 1953-54 campaign, and they finished in 17th position in the table with this record: P-42, W-16, D-8, L-18, F-76, A-96, Pts.-40.

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Further the facilities offered of both *Access* and *Barclaycard* are available for the purchase of Season Tickets.



Almost 8,000 people watched the Quarter-Final of the FA Youth Cup and were treated to 180 minutes of enthralling football.

Visitors Aston Villa were on the receiving end of a first half battering in the first match with Martyn Bennett powerfully heading home to put Albion ahead as they so richly deserved.

Had the finishing matched the approach work, with Ian Benjamin at the hub of things, the match could well have been won by half-time.

As it was, the young 'Villans' came out for the second period full of fight and endeavour, and gradually took control.

It really came as no surprise when they forced home the equaliser in the later stages, thus taking the game to a replay.

What a replay that turned out to be.

Albion controlled the opening stages and a slick piece of football by Ian Benjamin who with a quick turn and deft control in a crowded penalty area contrived to shoot home and put Albion ahead.

Undaunted the Villa lads kept their heads looking for the equaliser which wasn't long coming, and what a strange goal it turned out to be.

The Villa No. 4 took a throw-in some 25 yards up from the goal line, and with a mighty heave dropped the ball right under the crossbar for goalkeeper Steve Oram to snatch off the heads of the advancing attackers. Unfortunately his own momentum carried him backwards to fall over his own goal line to concede an own goal.

This served to spur the younger 'Villans' on, although no further goals were scored up to the break.

The second half was full of incidents as both Villa and Albion strived for success.

End to end play with Villa's 15-year-old No. 11 Walters taking the eye with some immaculate play.

In one incident he impudently beat his man inside the penalty area and coolly bent the ball into the far corner of the net, giving Oram no chance. This was Villa's third goal, the second coming from another long throw-in catching the defence out, enabling them to force the ball in from close-range.

Albion battled on and finally broke through with 10 minutes to go Trevor Francis shooting home from 12 yards.

The scene was set for some hectic action but Villa stood firm to win the tie.

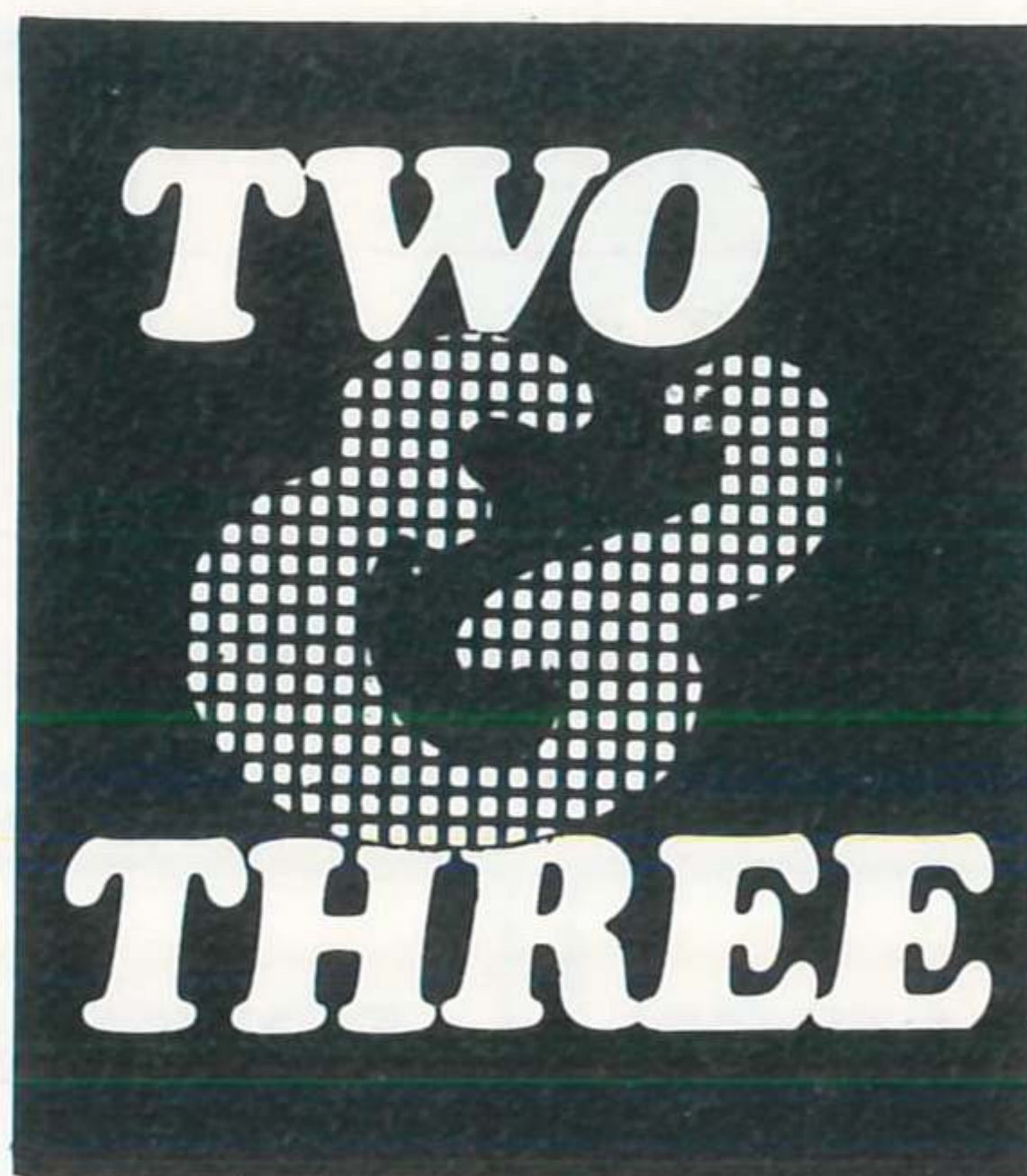
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Last Saturday the Reserves, currently in 3rd place, took on Coventry Reserves who are right behind us in the Central League table.

The opposition looked formidable with several experienced players in the side, notably Les Sealey, Jim Holton, Don Nardiello and Ian Wallace.

Kevin Summerfield had to pull out through injury, Robert Page moving from substitute with Nicky Cross taking the number 12 shirt.

Coventry started well looking the better side in the opening minutes spurred on by



Nardiello and Wallace, but Grew foiled their attempts at goal.

From the quarter-hour, Albion gradually came into the picture but suffered a setback when, having failed to clear a right wing corner, Coventry full back Jacobs seized on the loose ball to hammer in a 25-yard shot giving Grew no chance.

Albion battled back but the score remained at 1-0 to the visitors until half-time although David Mills had a good attempt saved by Sealey.

Not long into the second-half Derek Monaghan took a half-chance well to level the scores.

A shot on target rebounded for Monaghan to dive forward to head into the net.

Albion now took over proceedings and it looked as if a home win was on the cards.

Monaghan shot over from a good chance and Ally Brown was thwarted by the goalkeeper when put into the clear—Sealey diving at his feet to smother the ball.

Brown did hit the post in another attempt and Monaghan volleyed over.

A long high clearance caught Albion's defence out, Hateley heading in to Wallace whose half-volley screamed into the net from well outside the penalty area to make it 2-1 to Coventry.

Robert Page was desperately unlucky not to bring the scores level when he went through on his own beating two defenders and his final chip which beat the advancing goalkeeper hit the crossbar and bounced to safety.

Albion had the chances to have won the match—the difference being that the Coventry goals came from long-range shots of power and accuracy, when on many occasions they could have gone wide, and our chances were not converted.

Martyn Bennett and Barry Cowdrill looked solid in defence. Cowdrill looks a natural full-back and has a good eye for those foraging runs down the left flank, no doubt born of the days when he occupied a striker's roll with Sutton Town.

Mark Grew dealt capably with all but the two goals having no chance to save either.

All in all coach Brian Whitehouse, although disappointed with the result, was pleased the way the team battled all through to gain the initiative from a very experienced side.

The Midland Youth League team had an excellent win, mid-week, against Bristol City Youth, running out winners by five goals to nil. Conniff, Childes, Danks and Cross (2) were the scorers.

This win takes Albion to the top of the table with 21 points and a goal tally of 29 against 7.



**Albion youngster
JOHN SNAPE**

TEAMS

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Blue & White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 TONY GODDEN
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- 3 GARRY PENDREY
- 4 REMI MOSES
- 5 JOHN WILE
- 6 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON
- 7 BRYAN ROBSON
- 8 JOHN DEEHAN
- 9 CYRILLE REGIS
- 10 GARY OWEN
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- 12 TONY BROWN

BOLTON WANDERERS

Colours: White Shirts, Dark Blue Shorts

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 DAVID CLEMENT
- 3 PETER NICHOLSON
- 4 LEN CANTELLO
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 TADEUSZ NOWAK
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 CHRIS THOMPSON
- 10 PHIL WILSON
- 11 PETER REID
- 12 MIKE CARTER

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REFEREE: Mr GWYN P. OWEN
Anglesey

Commenced refereeing in Anglesey in 1961, then via Welsh League (North) and Welsh League to the Football League list. A married man, with three children, he is Headmaster of Llanddona Primary School and a part-time soccer reporter for BBC Radio and TV—Welsh speaking programmes.

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ALAN BALL

JOINS THE BOSSES

Alan Ball became the latest addition to that small band of men who combine playing with managing, when he agreed to take over the role of player/manager with Third Division Blackpool. Unfortunately because of his commitments in the North American Soccer League we won't see him in the tangerine shirt until next season, but if you look around the League scene, you will see that only in the First Division is there no player/manager, this season.

Johnny Giles with West Bromwich Albion, was the last such operator following his £40,000 transfer from Leeds United in 1975. In his very first season in this demanding role, Giles led Albion back to the First Division, and then proceeded to help them establish themselves in the top sphere by parading his unquestionable skills in 36 First Division games.

Down in Wales the Second Division is graced by the presence of the great Liverpool legend, John Toshack, who scored 148 League goals for Cardiff City and Liverpool before turning his attentions to management at Vetch Field. Toshack has breathed new life into the club and taken them into the Second Division for the first time since 1965.

Little Shrewsbury Town also made it to the big time when player/boss Graham Turner made it a double promotion in leading his club to Division Two for the first time in their 30 year League history. Turner admits that it is an exacting task combining both roles but he will continue to play as long as he is doing the job on the field and enjoying it.

The Third Division has the talented Howard Kendall leading Blackburn Rovers towards promotion, and to F.A. Cup glory with two brilliant games against Aston Villa. Kendall's influence on the Lancashire side has been enormous, since he forsook the role of player/coach with Stoke City last summer. He has transformed a club suffering from the relegation blues into a highly competitive and skilful combination that has given the Wood Park fans something to cheer about at long last.

Also doing well in the Third Division is Alan Oakes' Chester. You will remember Alan as a stalwart of the Manchester City side, in which he made 565 League appearances, before moving on to Chester as player/coach and now as player/manager.

And Sheffield Wednesday's former Sunderland F.A. Cup Final star Ian Porterfield, has joined the ranks, moving across to Rotherham United, to take up the dual challenge, this season.



Alan Ball Contemplates Life
As A Player/Manager

Alan Buckley became the youngest player/manager of them all when he was enticed back to Walsall last close-season after a short spell with Birmingham City. His efforts in lifting the Fellows Park club to the top of the table were rewarded with the nomination as Bell's Manager of the Month, for the Fourth Division last December.

Of course eventually the pressures of enacting two strenuous careers becomes too much and the reluctant heroes have to hang up their boots. Some famous names have taken this course of action this season, among them being Mike Summerbee (Stockport County) and Allan Clarke (Barnsley).

Whether West Ham United gain promotion or not this Spring, you can be pretty certain that they will not have conceded many goals. And that is quite an achievement for the club whose defence has had a record about as water tight as a colander in recent years. One of the main reasons for the Hammers cover up at the back has been the acquisition of goalkeeper Phil Parkes, a quietly spoken athlete whose presence and bearing has added stability and confidence to the 'Irons' young defence.

Phil Parkes became the most expensive goalkeeper in the world when John Lyall paid Queens Park Rangers £565,000 for his registration in February last year, and the West Ham manager reckons he was worth every penny.

Parkes is a giant, he stands 6 ft. 3 inches, weighs 14½ stone yet is surprisingly agile for his size. He reads a game exceptionally well and his distribution is sharp and accurate.

This is a very important point, for although a goalkeeper's prime objective is to keep the ball out of the net, he is also the team's first line of attack when he has got the ball and is therefore in a position to dictate the play.

There is no doubt that on his day, he is as good as any 'keeper in Britain, yet Phil Parkes has won only one England cap, against Portugal on a rainy day in Lisbon, way back in April 1974.

An easy going man with a wonderful temperament, Phil is not one to bemoan his lot, yet he would be less than human if he did not regret being around at the same time as Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan. In fact, he says sometimes he wishes he had been born ten years later, or had Scottish or Welsh ancestry.

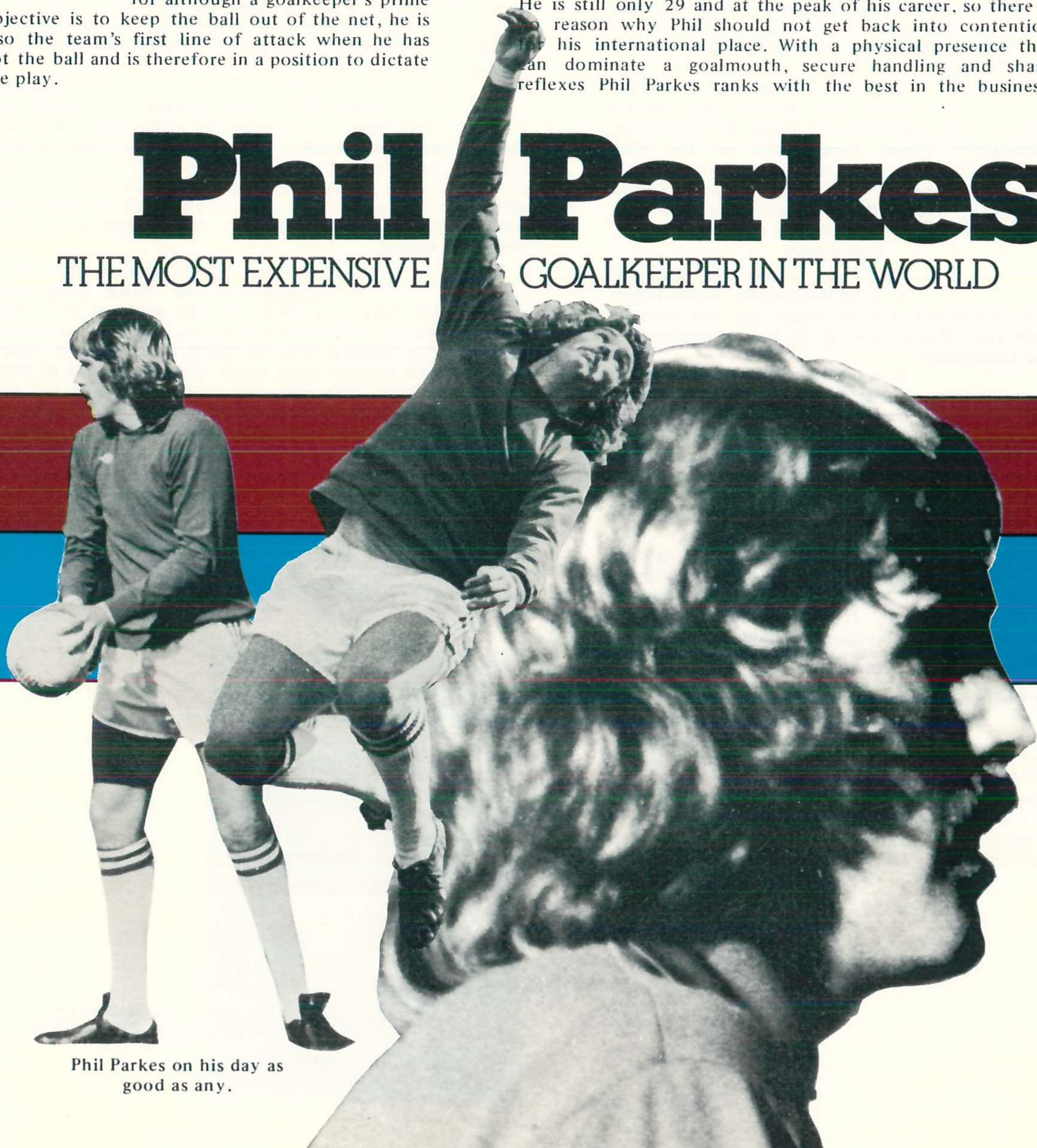
Former Scotland and Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson worked long and hard with Parkes as a coach at Rangers, and he says:-

"I let him know that I was disappointed that Joe Corrigan had taken his place as England's third choice. Joe deserves his success for the tremendous work he has put into the game, but I believe that Phil is a more natural goalkeeper, and if he works hard enough can win his place back.

"The problem is that he does not produce his top form consistently enough to oust Clemence and Shilton and he must believe in his own ability and keep his concentration at a peak throughout a game." He is still only 29 and at the peak of his career, so there is no reason why Phil should not get back into contention for his international place. With a physical presence that can dominate a goalmouth, secure handling and sharp reflexes Phil Parkes ranks with the best in the business.

Phil Parkes

THE MOST EXPENSIVE GOALKEEPER IN THE WORLD



Phil Parkes on his day as good as any.

The Frustration of being a Throstle

Last season the 'Throstles' were singing happily from the top of the tree, as West Bromwich Albion were swept away on a wave of euphoria. It seemed they could do little wrong as their blend of skill and power made them one of the most entertaining and feared sides in the First Division.

They finished third in the League table and became the natural choice as the favourites to break the Liverpool, Nottingham Forest stranglehold on the First Division Championship, this season. These hopes and dreams were not fulfilled however as Albion ravaged by team changes, injury and backroom moves slumped to the bottom of the pile.

UNCANNY

"We must be the best side ever to be at the bottom," was manager Ron Atkinson's typical battle cry, yet even he must have been amazed at the transformation that had taken place.

It is uncanny when good players suddenly perform as if they can't play and the more they try the worse they get. From the terraces it sometimes looks as if they are not trying, but this is an entirely false impression, as Albion's talented right back Brendon Batson discloses in this frank interview, in which he explains the problems the players have to overcome.

Says Brendon "Last year we just went out and played without thinking about it. We were performing consistently at such a high level, it was untrue. "Every week the whole team played well, if one or two of us were slightly off form the others brought us through and after 20 minutes or so we would all be back to peak performances.

"This season a lot of us have had a bad time. The changes both on and off the field obviously disrupted us, but we did not expect such a disastrous start. I have not been playing well myself. I have had some good games but I have not been consistent, we have been getting keyed up and the pressure was getting through a little.

"It is amazing. Up front we were not capitalising on our chances. We could see what we were not doing, but we could not put our finger on why we were not doing it when we got out there. "People were not running off the ball as freely as they used to, it became quite depressing. But by the turn of the year we seemed to be getting it right again, although the consistency still needs improving."

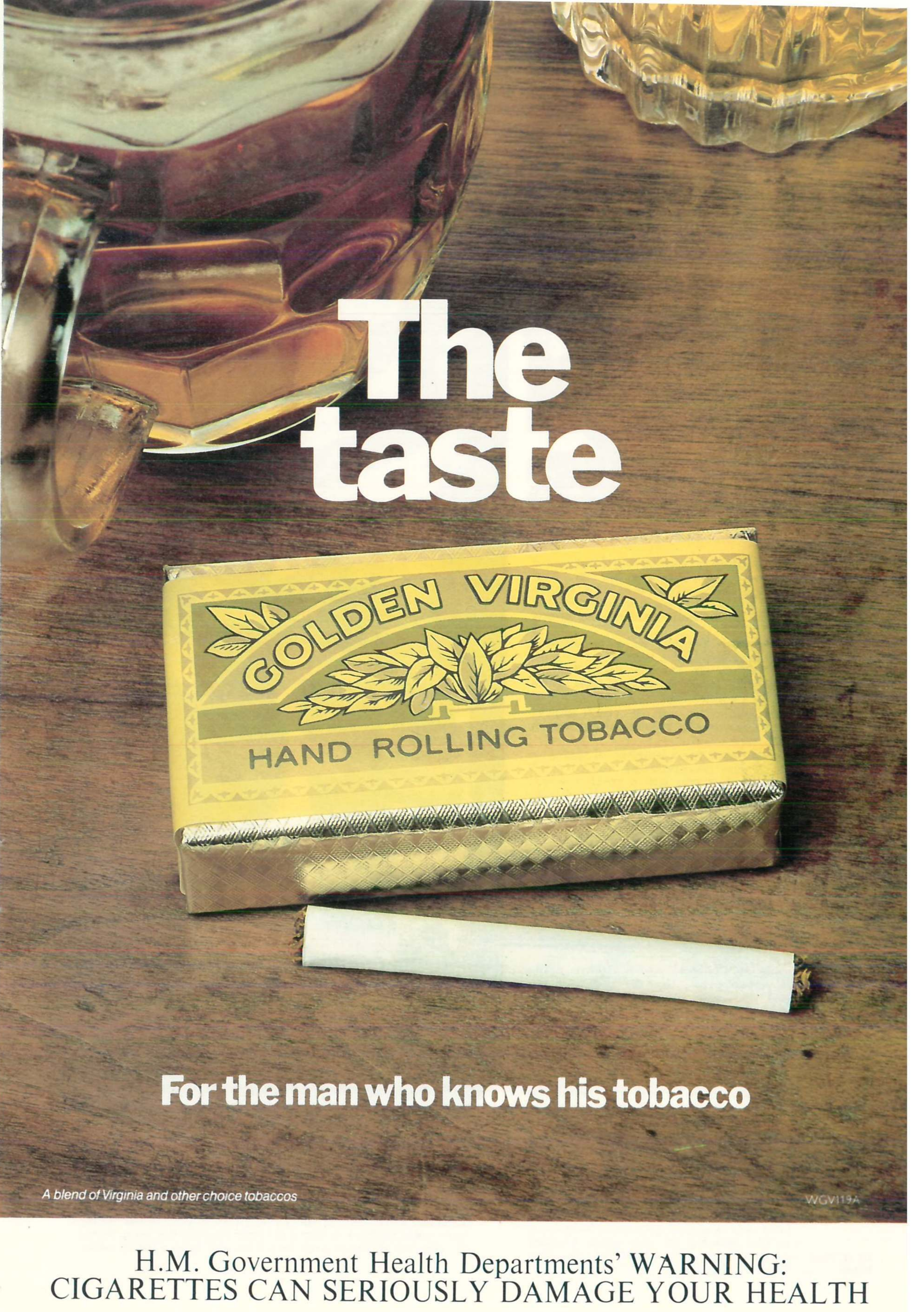
It certainly has been a disappointing season for a club poised to do well, but it often takes time for a team to settle when so many changes have been made. The encouraging thing is that the new imports such as Peter Barnes and Gary Owen are now producing something like their true form, and although this season can be written off in terms of winning things, watch out for the Throstles to take wing next season.

"The pressure affects you in silly ways. You assume you are doing things that you are not. Like you think you are sprinting for a ball, but you are not. You think you are going to tackle and don't. "It is because you are tight, you cannot relax. The ball will bounce away when you should kill it, little things like that. The more we tried the worse we got. We just kept thinking we must turn the corner sometime. But when you don't you are under a bit more pressure again.

"It is not so bad during the week in training because it is more relaxed. Last season the thought of defeat never crossed our minds, now we are more tense, worrying whether we are going to give away silly goals. "A lot of it is to do with concentration. Last season we were not getting punished for the things we were lax on, this year we have been made to pay for every little error.



Left: Batson (W.B.A.) races Prentice (Hearts) for the ball.



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Last summer amidst all the ballyhoo of the big transfer deals that were so commonplace the subject became practically mundane. Arsenal manager Terry Neill stepped across London to almost apologetically spend a modest £75,000.

The man he bought was 33 year old Queens Park Rangers star John Hollins, a player whose performances last season had been so inspirational that his previous manager Steve Burtenshaw had acclaimed him the best sweeper in the First Division.

JOHN HOLLINS

Unfortunately a serious leg injury in a European Cup Winners tie in East Germany, curtailed his performance this season but there is no doubt that his presence in the squad has done a lot to help stabilise the young Arsenal team.

Now in the twilight of a remarkable career that spanned a lifetime at Chelsea and then was reborn at Queens Park Rangers and now Highbury, it is surprising that John only ever won one England cap.

Hollins won his cap in 1967 against Spain, a European championship match which England won 2-1.

"I was reserve for a number of matches. Sure, it was disappointing not to get a few more games, but it was still a great honour.

"I have had terrific breaks really. I have never had a serious injury — touch wood, and I've been in the First Division for all of my career."

FLIES THE FLAG FOR THE OVER 30'S

It was at Chelsea, where Hollins made 436 appearances, that he collected his most cherished domestic prize — an F.A. Cup Winner's medal.

"The highlights of my career at Chelsea were the two seasons when we won the Cup and then the European Cup Winners' Cup. Tremendous!

"There were some very good players at Chelsea then. I was at Chelsea for 14 years."

Cash

"It was the finances, rather than my re-joining Dave Sexton again, that really took me to Queens Park Rangers."

When Hollins arrived at Q.P.R. he was given a rude awakening. Injured soon after joining the club, the former England man found he could not get back into the side!

"That was a good experience because it was like starting all over again. Coming to a club and not being able to get into the first team — and then making it."

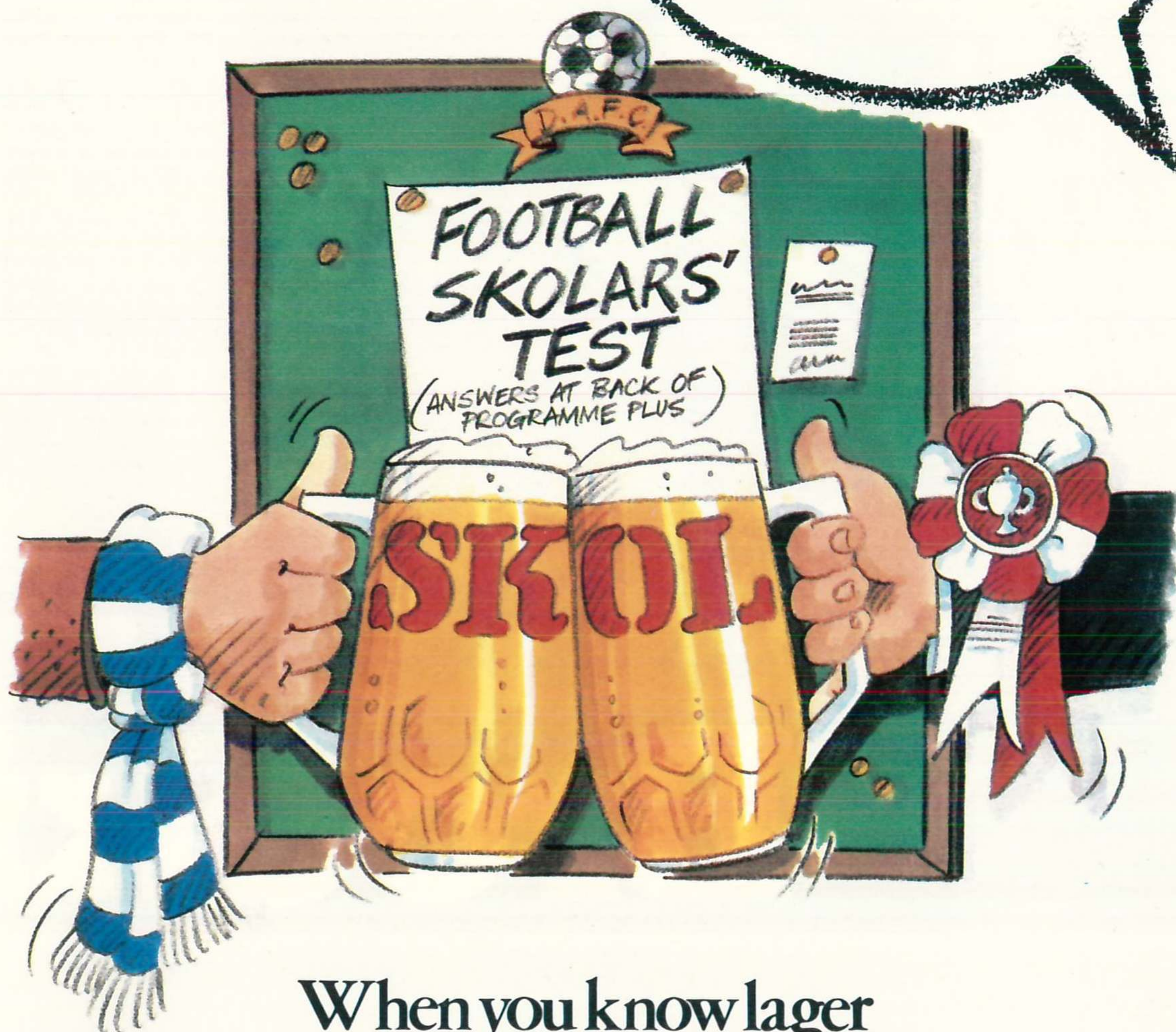


John Hollins Described by the Q.P.R. Manager as
The Best Sweeper in the League, Last Season.

He has never lost his enthusiasm for the game, and maintains that, if he ever did then he would pack it in — full stop.

When that time comes football will have lost a dedicated, honest professional who perhaps deserved more out of the game than he got. In the meantime John Hollins is like a disciple leading the way, flying the flag for all those over 30's who still have a lot to offer.

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ITALY FEAR



As Italy prepare to take on the might of England, Spain and Belgium in this summer's European Championship finals, they are mindful of a winter's night at Wembley three years ago, when England soundly defeated them 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying match. That was the last time the two nations met, but out of it Italy learnt, and one of the points they made special note of, was the ability of Trevor Brooking, for whom they now have a healthy respect.

For it was he who tormented them with his silky skills, took them on and beat them on a misty November night. Brooking is 31 now, but he has a special affinity with the England manager Ron Greenwood, who was his mentor for so many years at West Ham. The partnership has continued to flourish on the international field and England certainly seem a better balanced combination when Brooking is in the side.

And it is no co-incidence that Trevor Brooking should emerge as a world class player under the guidance of Mr. Greenwood, because his policy of adopting a fluid 4-2-4 system is much more flexible than the tactics employed by Don Revie and has given players the freedom to express their skills.

Says Trevor:- "Under Ron you have much more freedom to push forward, and certainly in midfield there is no restriction on which area you should play - where there is an opportunity to go forward, in front of the attackers, then you are free to go forward.

"At least you do not feel as if you are trespassing into a position you shouldn't be. There is flexibility throughout the team, and therefore more alternatives to go forward".

Trevor Brooking

"At present we are likely to get two, three or four goals because there are that many men forward - and it is more enjoyable to play in that type of system. I think the players enjoy this more, whereas perhaps before they were thinking 'I wonder how it is going to go this time'. There is a terrific spirit in the England squad at the moment, and recent results have helped".

Brooking's own international future was in question when West Ham failed to survive the "big drop" into the second division last season - and also in question was his future at the club.

"I was concerned about the situation, and spoke to John Lyall and Ron Greenwood about it. But Ron assured me that as long as my game was alright while I was playing in the second division, he couldn't see how it would affect my chances of playing for England".

Unknown

Brooking, regarded as one of Europe's best midfield players, was entering into the "unknown" as West Ham opened up shop in the Second Division for the first time since 1957.

"My worry was that teams might be over physical, and not prepared to allow the opposition to play football," he said. "But this has not been the case. I have been surprised to see how many teams are willing to push men forward, and the games have not been interrupted by a series of free-kicks."

Obviously happy to be given a role at international level that has become second nature at West Ham, Trevor is hoping to help England to success in Italy. "We are all anxious to do well," he says, "but we also realise that nothing comes easy."



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Motoring with Jeremy Walton

REGIE The Family Man



and Regie the REBEL

To many motorists the Renault name simply means reliable transport. Perhaps a bit boring, the accent on soft suspension, a comfortable ride and the kind of economy you need if you are going to survive on French petrol prices, which are considerably more outrageous than even ours. However, Regie Renault (the Regie is part of the official title that has inevitably become a nickname) decided a couple of years back that appealing to the family motorist was not all that was required of the complete car company in 1980.

So state-owned Renault decided to be a bit sporty. If you look at their range of cars sold to the public you see the same Jekyll and Hyde personality. For £4,690.56 you can have the R18 TS Estate model, or for £4,881.18 you can have the hot version of the Renault 5, the 5-speed 105 mph machine in black.

Both have front drive, but there the common ground really ends. The R18 in estate car form is comfortable and capable of carrying two families if required. The R18 has four main doors and the tailgate, accommodating four kids up to 12 years old, while the adults share the 4/5 seater accommodation up front.

Even with that full load, you can be confident that they will not dazzle anyone late at night because the headlamps can be adjusted by a neat knob alongside the steering column.

The estate is pretty unfussed up to 65 mph and gives 28-30 mpg even when driven hard with a full load. With 12½ gallons consumed at an average 28.5 mpg you can go a long way in the 1647cc Renault without needing to refuel.

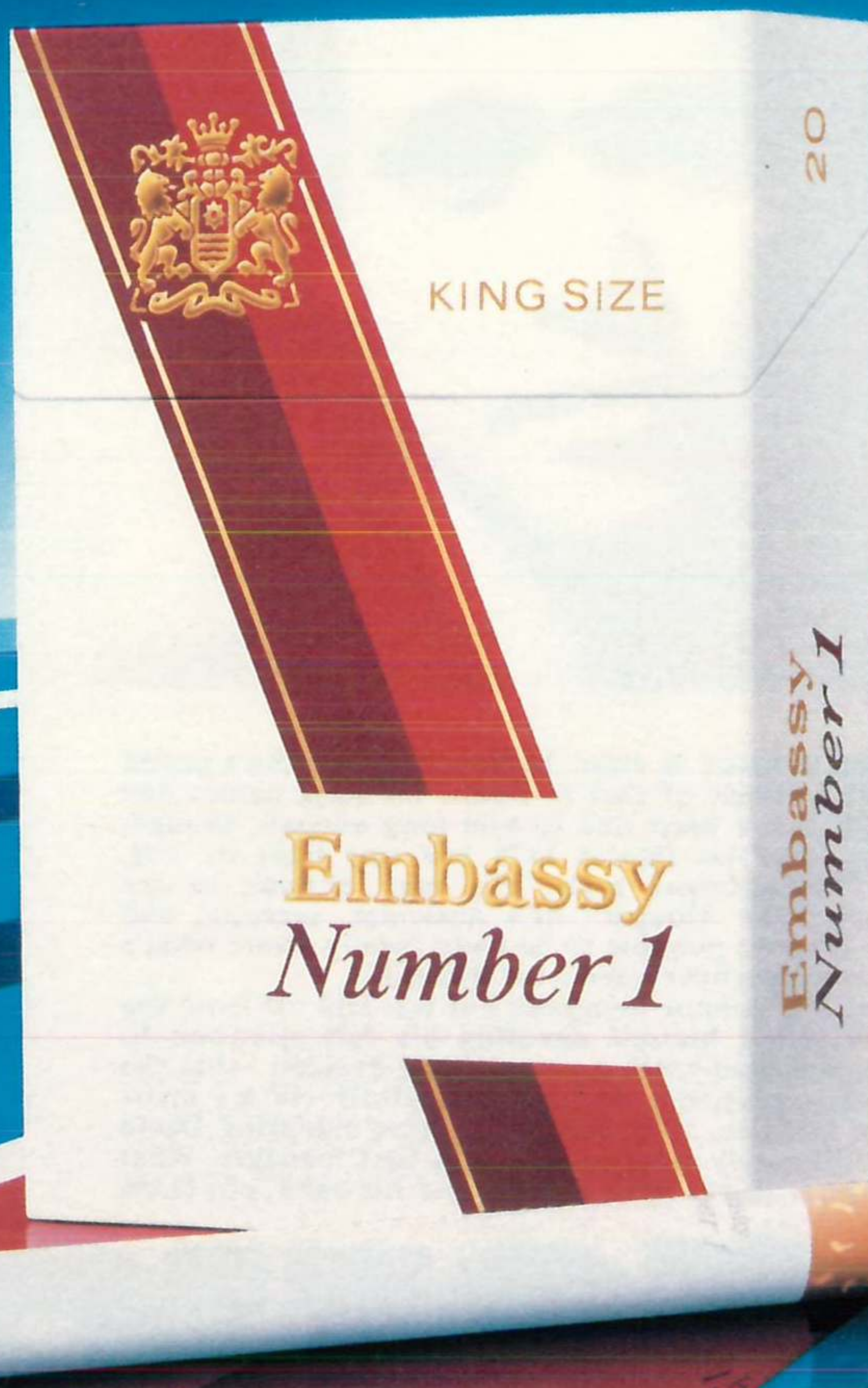
The R5 Gordini has but 1397cc, but you can hear its 93 bhp working to shove the two door (and a tailgate) machine through the air. The 5-speed gearbox works slickly, but the car is so light that the comparatively large 1.4 litre engine will pull well from low speeds in top gear. Or it can give you an exhilarating shove in the back, if you change down.

The little R5 Gordini with its big front air dam and small body is happy to consume a regular 30 mpg, despite the temptation to drive fast when you are away from the racket it kicks up at constant speeds on motorways.

Much of the body roll that you find in normal Renaults when cornered hard has been eliminated in the R5 Gordini, so it is a pleasure to drive on country roads. Snags include steering tug under full power, a high price for a small car (you might be better off modifying a Mini), and a spare wheel that did not match the posh alloy wheels in width or tyre type!

There was little to dislike in the estate. The brakes and handling over very wet roads provided exceptional safety standards, but the fact that the rear wiper didn't work continuously was a fiddly nuisance on such roads. Altogether only engine noise over 65 mph spoiled the impression of a thoroughly modern and efficient family car.

Number 1



The best in King Size smoking

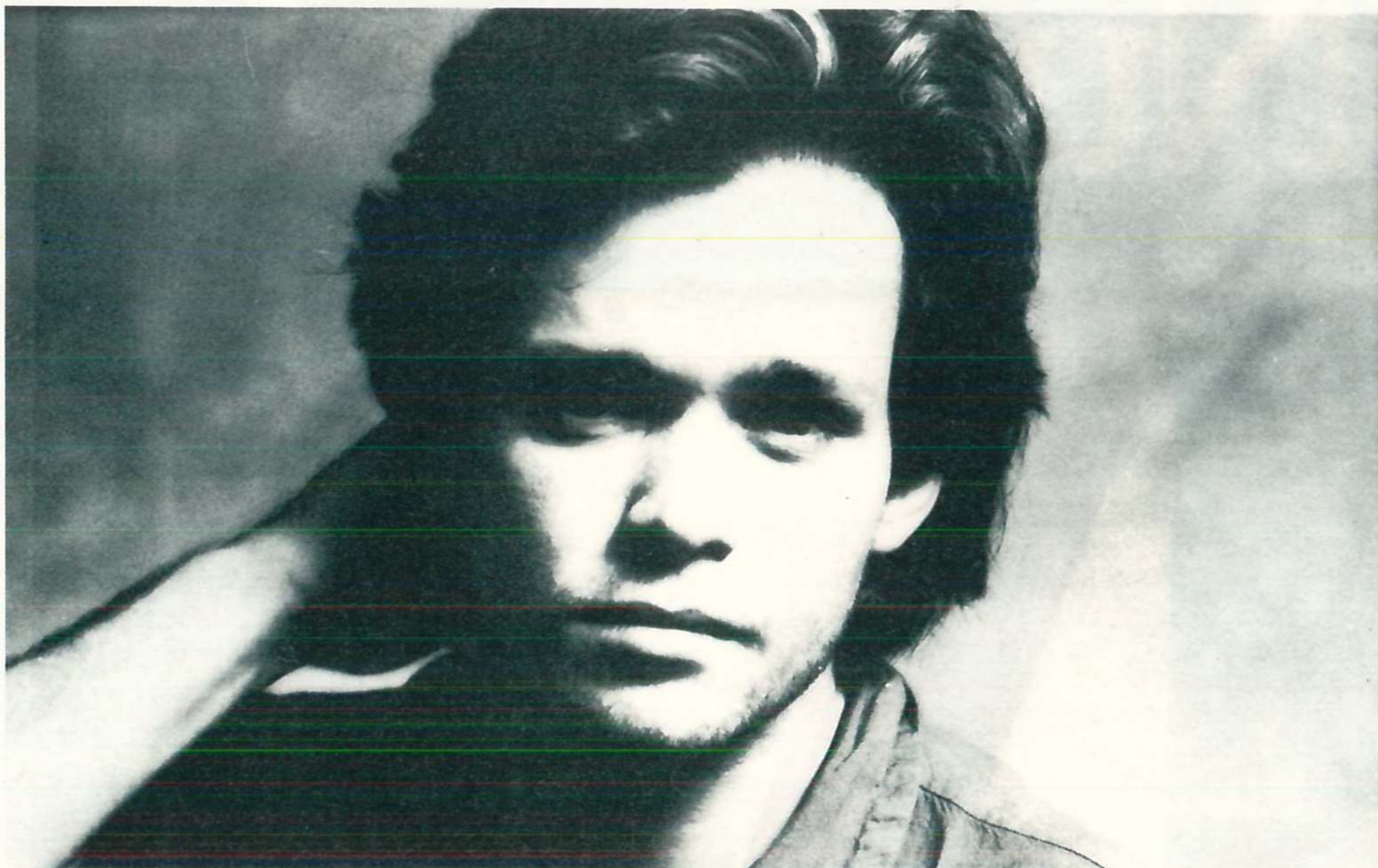
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Record Roundup



His name is John Mellencamp, and he's proud enough of that to resent his stage name: one that's been tied to him long enough, though, that he figures he'll just not fight it. Yet, resentment aside, it's easy enough to see

where a former manager found the 'Cougar'; he's muscular, scrappy, and realistic enough to deny that it's ever possible to be truly totally aware what's going on out there. Other stage names have been a lot less apt.

John worked as an installer for a telephone company but was laid off from the company and suddenly John found himself devoting his full attention to music; "I'd been working in bands, and writing songs...I just decided 'what the hell'. Tapes were subsequently submitted to several carefully chosen artist managers, among them Tony DeFries, who was at the time managing David Bowie. It was DeFries who ultimately became Cougar's first manager. What DeFries did do was record several tracks with Cougar and his band, put them

together with some selections that the group had already recorded back home in Indiana and sell the whole package to MCA Records, where it was released as 'Chesnut Street Incident'. A second album was recorded for DeFries, but not released. Cougar and his first manager were later to reach an 'understanding' leaving

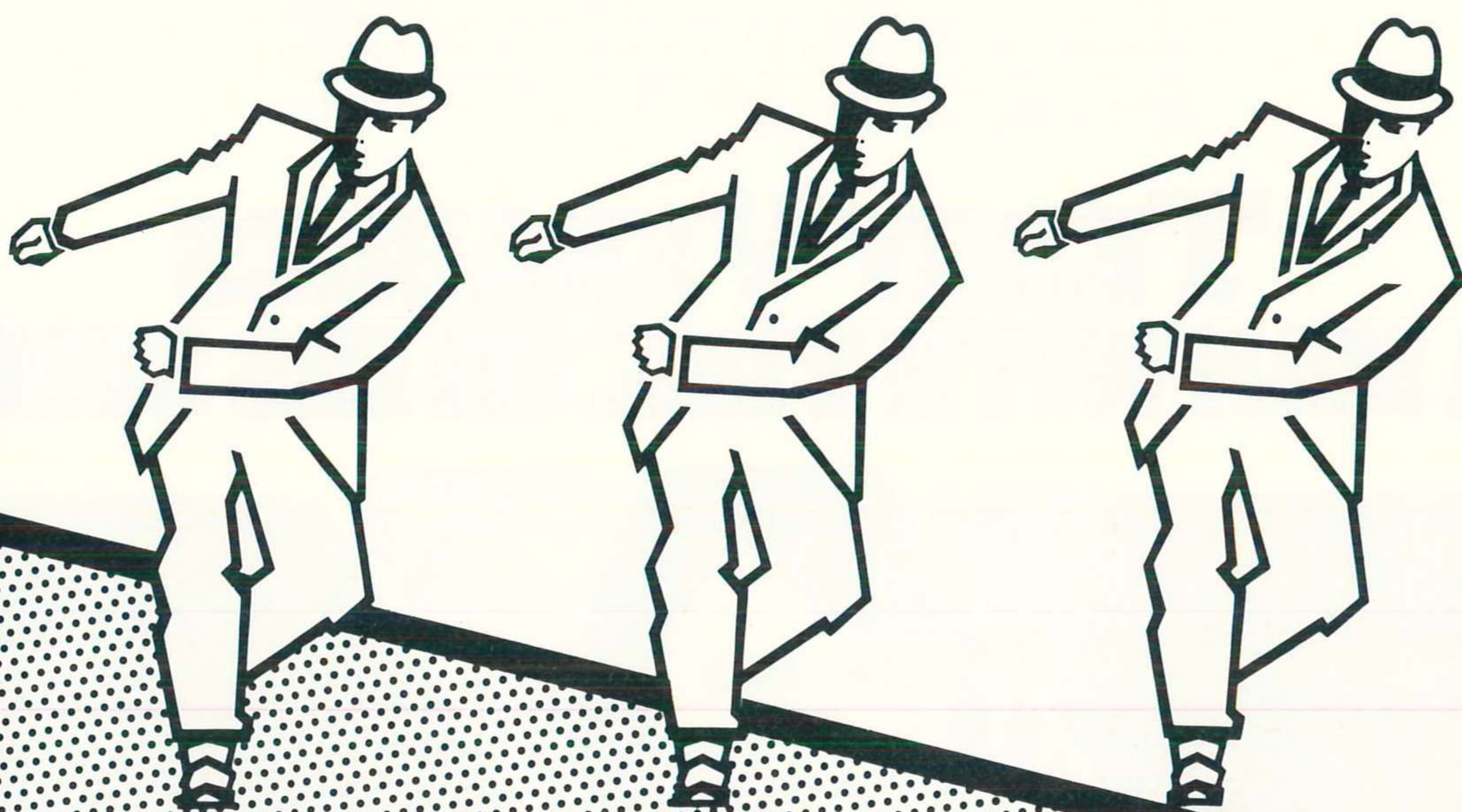
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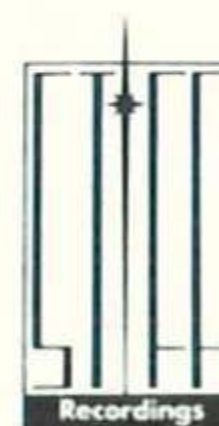
see me in two months. I did and he did." John's first album for Riva (A Biography) was released last year receiving large success internationally. A single 'I Need A Lover' taken from the album was a Top Ten hit in many countries throughout the world. Cougar is serious about his music, his lyrics and melodies have a Midwestern grittiness about them; a strong sense of time

John with a name and an album release on a major label. Sometime later in Los Angeles, an introduction to Billy Gaff was arranged by a friend. "I played some songs for him and he told me to get a band together and he'd see me in two months. I did and he did." John's first album for Riva (A Biography) was released last year receiving large success internationally. A single 'I Need A Lover' taken from the album was a Top Ten hit in many countries throughout the world. Cougar is serious about his music, his lyrics and melodies have a Midwestern grittiness about them; a strong sense of time and place, and a marbling of intelligence and humour. The band's playing is tough and assured. "It's been an uphill battle", admits John Cougar. "But then if it's easy it's no fun."

MADNESS



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Crystal Palace were welcomed back to the First Division this season as the new Messiahs of progressive football. They would show those clubs stagnating in a web of fear just how to play adventurous attacking football, the sort that would win back the fans. And when these fresh upstarts from South London topped the table last Autumn, there was no holding the soccer scribes, who pronounced Crystal Palace's virtues to the world and named them as the future Champions.

The man who made this all possible is the well groomed young occupant of the Selhurst Park managers office, Terry Venables.

As a player he did it all. Born in Dagenham, Terry joined Chelsea straight from school to embark on a career that will never be equalled. For he has the proud distinction of being capped by England at all levels, Schools, Youth, Amateur, Under-23 and Full, and as there is no such thing as amateurs any more his record is safe. Venables' senior caps were limited to two internationals against Holland and Belgium in 1965.

After making 202 Football League appearances for Chelsea and scoring 26 goals, Terry Venables was transferred to North London rivals Tottenham Hotspur. At White Hart Lane he was to write another glorious chapter to his achievements with a further 114 League appearances and five goals, and a place in Spurs' 1967 F.A. Cup Final team which ironically defeated his old club Chelsea 2-1 at Wembley. It is worth recalling that Spurs side. For there were so many great names — Jennings, Kinnear, Knowles, Mullery, England, Mackay, Robertson, Greaves, Gilzean, Venables, Saul. Sub. Jones.

TERRY VENABLES

A MAN WITH TIME ON HIS SIDE



In 1969 Terry was on the move across London again this time to sign for Queens Park Rangers. 171 League games and 19 goals later he moved to Crystal Palace where his playing career finally came to rest in April 1976. Mr. Venables then concentrated on coaching under Malcolm Allison before eventually taking over as boss in 1976.

One thing is for sure, and that is that Mr. Venables does not mould himself on anyone else. He makes it clear that he does things "my way", which is proving to be the right way.

Proudly back in the First Division, Palaces' rejuvenation is the fruit of his endeavours. He explains why he has placed the accent on youth: "I came here, to a club that didn't have the money to speculate on the transfer market so I had to concentrate on youth". In many respects the current Palace side resembles the youthful Chelsea team in which Terry made his League debut, a side he feels was broken up far too soon.

Mr. Venables has no intention of falling into the same trap. His policies are long term and geared to steering Crystal Palace to the Football League Championship. As he says; "these players could mature into a great team over the next ten years". Venables and Palace can wait.

SOCCER CHAT



Above: Alan West (Luton Town F.C.)

Falling attendances are not just an English disease, the cold draft of world inflation is emptying the terraces all over Europe. Take Finland for instance. The situation there has become so critical that the football authorities have decided to change the whole format of their First Division Championship. The competition is to be completely re-vamped in an effort to stimulate interest for more clubs over a longer period.

The Finns are adopting the formula practiced in Switzerland, which provides for the top four clubs at the end of the league season, to play each other in a mini-tournament on a home and away basis, for the title of League Champions. At the other end of the scale, the bottom four teams carry out a similar routine for the dubious distinction of deciding who is relegated.

One can understand that with eight clubs, half the league, still in competitive and meaningful action at the end of the season, public interest should be maintained. But somehow this system does not seem fair on the club who finish top of the pile at the completion of the league programme. A Championship title has always been regarded as a reward for sheer consistency over a season, not for a run of success over six games at the end.

Novel

Two years ago the Football League replaced the old system of goal average, in favour of goal difference, to decide the positions in the League, of clubs on the same number of points.

The Spanish have a much more novel solution for such problems however. If two teams are locked together in the Spanish League, the final position in the League table is decided by the results of the two clubs League matches against each other.

What's In A Name?

The Football League recruits its players from all quarters of the globe now and you can't always rely on the name to give you a clue. Remember Keith East? He used to be a striker at Swindon Town, while Joe North performed in the South, as a centre forward with Arsenal and Alex South was a midfield player with Halifax Town. One man who is making a big impact on the Second Division this season is Luton Town's midfield dynamo Alan West.

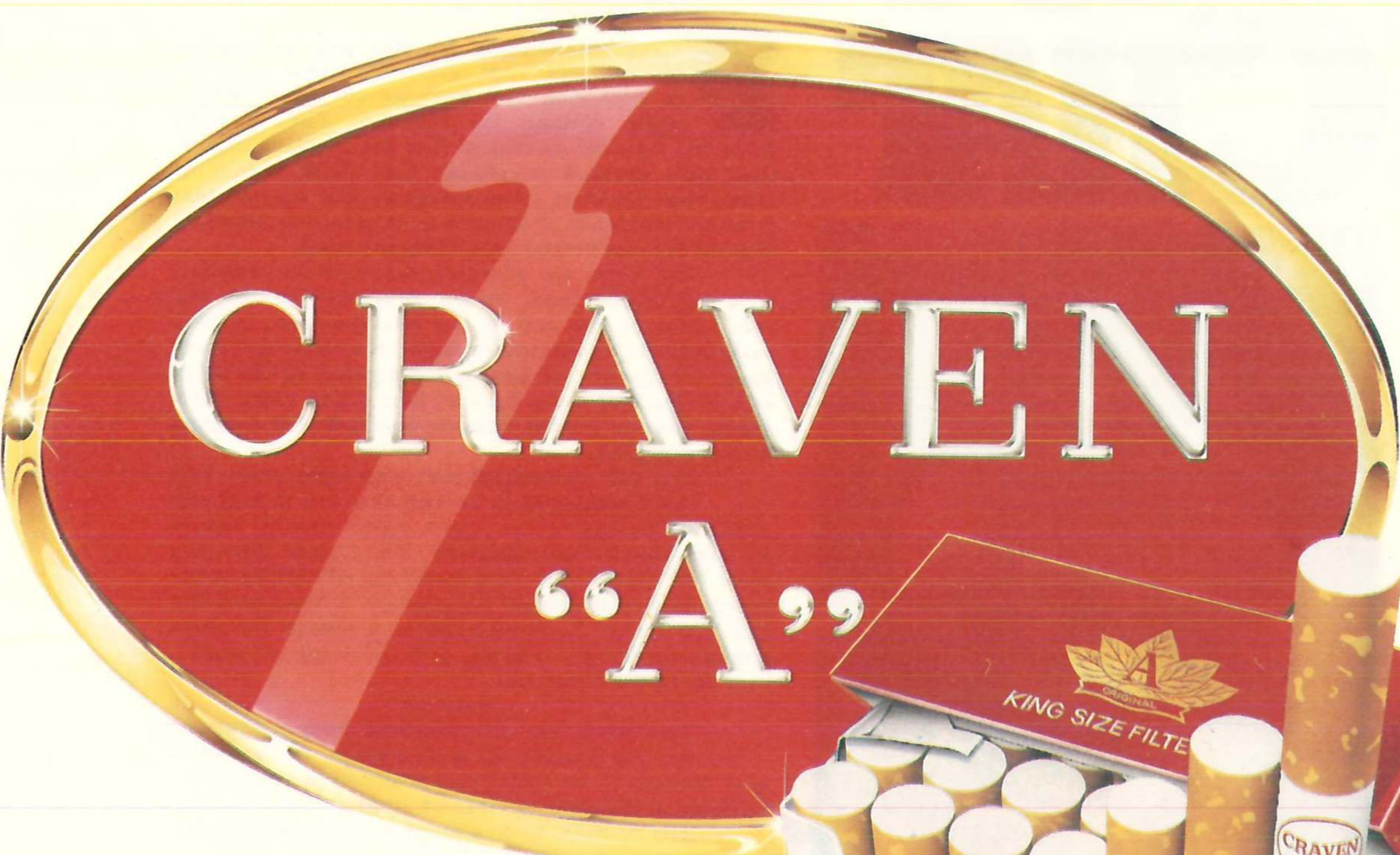
All Rounders

Did you know that when Brighton and Hove Albion won promotion to the First Division last summer they became the 15th club to have participated in all four Football League divisions. The others were: Bradford City, Brentford, Bury, Carlisle, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Grimsby, Huddersfield Town, Luton Town, Northampton Town, Notts County, Oldham and Portsmouth.



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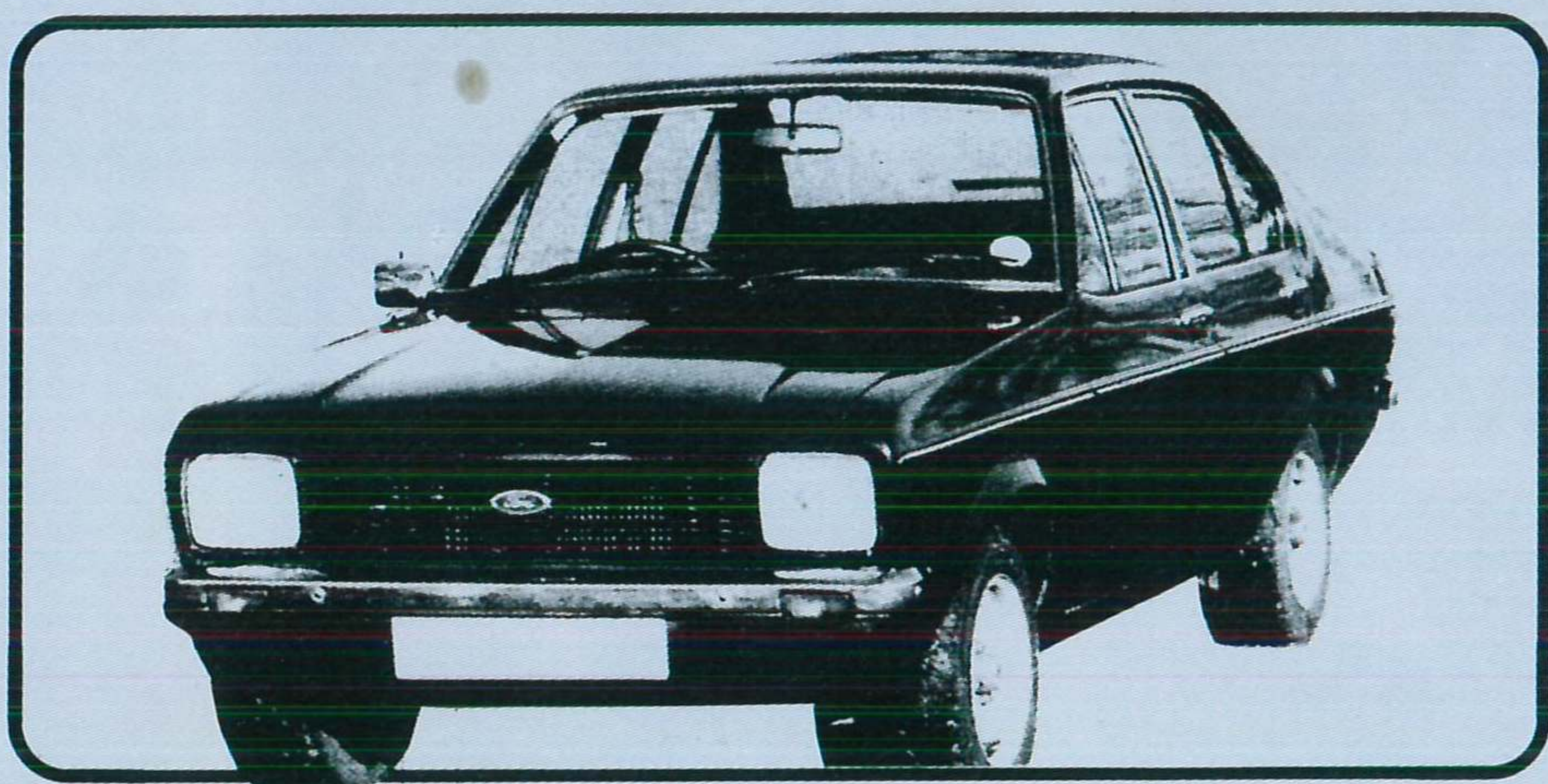


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Top left: Peter Barnes (mostly hidden in this photograph) opened the scoring with a great overhead kick.

Peter also scored number two . . . this time from the penalty spot.

Above: The players observe a period of silence in respect for the late Alan Hardaker, O.B.E.

Right: John Deehan foiled by a piece of brave goalkeeping.

Below: Gary Owen meets Coventry's new Dutch import Roger Van Gool.

Photographs: Geoff Wright, Express and Star.



Dear Editor...

Dear Editor,

This week I received a letter from a friend of mine teaching in the United Arab Emirates where Albion recently played a couple of matches.

Knowing me to be an Albion fanatic he included a cutting of the match report between Emirates SC and Albion which the 'Baggies' won 3-0. It seems that Albion could have won by a lot more but for the goalkeeping of Ibrahim Issa but what really caught my eye was the Albion line-up! Who was this new defender making an appearance—an Arab no less—I wonder what John Wile thought of him!

Up the 'Baggies'!

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BOB MACVIE

Editor: Probably Ally was stood in the shadow of Benji Benjamin, Allah be praised.

The English team will play its last match against Bahrain's Al Hala Club.

Emirates Ibrahim Issa, Gareeb Ali Jopsepoh, Abdullah Saleh, Ali Hassan, Ali Ibrahim Joseph Masoud, Saleh Rehan, Hamis Salim, Jimmy Karunda, Mohammad Gaffa, Hamed Gasani, Juma Mohammad, Khalid Yousuf.

West Bromwich: Tony Godden, David Stewart, Brenden Batson, Martyn Bennet, Ali Stair Robertson, Dereck Statham, John Wile (captain), Tony Brown, Gary Owen Bryan Robson, John Trewick, Ian Benjeman, Peter Barnes, Alistair Brown, John Deehan, David Mills, Cyril Regis.

Dear Editor,

I am 15-years-old and I would like a girl pen-pal who supports Albion to write to. I support Everton. I would like the girl to be aged about 15. If anyone is interested would she please enclose a photograph with her reply. I would be most grateful if you would print this in your programme.

IAN HODGSON

8 Pershore Road, Southdene, Kirby,
Liverpool, Merseyside.

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Dear Editor,

I am an ardent Albion fan who would like a male or female pen-pal. I am a 16-year-old girl and my birthday is on the 12th December. I enjoy cooking and music but watching the 'Baggies' better. I would be grateful if you could print my name in the *Albion News*.

ANDREA TEDDS

110 Dunster Place, Holbrooks,
Coventry CV6 4JE

Dear Editor,

Please can you help me? I collect Birmingham City Home/Away League and Cup programmes from season 1945-46 to date. I now only require eight programmes all ways to complete my collection—two of them are . . . Albion v Birmingham 1946-47 and Albion v Birmingham 1945-46.

Is it possible to appeal in your programme for these matches. I will play £10 each to anyone who can supply. I have recently had letters published in Leeds, Newport, Barnsley and Leicester programmes, with great success.

Thank you for your time and trouble.

B. BAILEY

9 Blackham Drive, Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands B73 5HG (021-350 5354)

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Editor: That just goes to show how valuable are Albion programmes. Can anyone help Mr Bailey?

Dear Editor,

After Albion had got off to such a disastrous start to the season, I fully expected to see the fans drift away. However, despite the tremendous disappointment we all felt as we watched competition after competition slip away from us, the loyalty of the fans stayed firm.

Now, of course, Ron and the lads seem to have sorted it all out, and I think that we, the supporters, deserve a pat on the back for keeping faith in our heroes, and also that we played our own small part in the revival.

Now the future looks rosey again with a superb squad and some promising youngsters.

PAUL BROWN

Greycot, Westgate, Bridgnorth, Salop

Editor: Supporters take a pat on the back from Paul. I prefer to reserve judgement for a while although it is fair to say that our recent gates were very pleasing. As I have so often said A TOP club needs top support to survive. All at the Club are determined to keep us to the fore but we do need you in your thousands.



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NEWS ROUND-UP

FROM BOB DOWNING

City lash out again and Lawrie smiles

Who says money buys success? Manchester City brought their transfer dealings up to a staggering £4 million when they bought Norwich City striker Kevin Reeves just to bring some light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel.

Messrs Allison and Book know that the spending will have to stop soon and better results achieved.

And what of the man selling Reeves to Manchester City, Norwich boss John Bond. Did he not, some time ago, implore his managerial colleagues to bring sanity back into the game and have more realistic transfer fees? I hope Messrs Clough, Allison and other managers involved in the four £1 million transfers this season welcome him aboard the band wagon.

There was great concern—and one national newspaper headlined their back page 'Stupid' over the fee wanted by Coventry City boss Gordon Milne for Ian Wallace.

Prices of around £2 million were quoted but as Milne said, he would sell Wallace for £200,000 if he could get as good a player to replace him for the same amount of money. And that has about as much chance of happening as Crewe have of winning the First Division title.

The man who must be laughing all through these latest wrangles is Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy. Kevin Keegan cost him, on the transfer, £450,000.



JOHN BARNWELL

Top Boss

Wolves manager John Barnwell was named 'Manager of the Month' for February after leading his side to Wembley and their three marvellous results against Manchester United, Norwich City and Liverpool. Pity about Watford, though.

'Cloughie' staying

Brian Clough is staying in English football, at least for the time being. The Greek club Olympiakos failed in the bid to lure Clough away from Nottingham Forest.

Luton motor on

Second Division Luton Town are the latest club to announce a major sponsorship deal regarding advert signs on their shirts. They have a £50,000 deal lined up with a local motor company and they will wear the firm's name on their shirts for the next two seasons in all but televised games.

Cruyff goes diplomatic

Johan Cruyff, the World's greatest player, is on the move again and he still commands a massive amount of money. The former Dutch skipper has signed a long contract with Washington Diplomats.

Cruyff was persuaded to come out of retirement last season to play for the Los Angeles Aztecs and was voted the most valuable player in the North American Soccer League last season.

Achtung! Germans on Euro-March

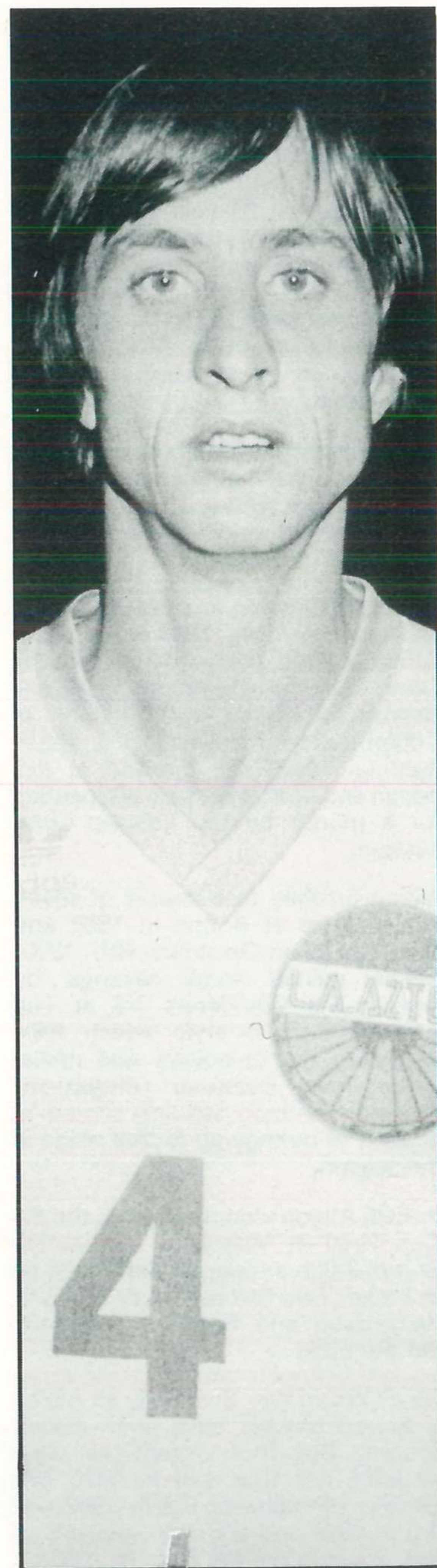
The UEFA Cup looks set to have four West German clubs battling out the Semi-Finals. After their first leg matches, all four German clubs are ideally placed to continue their domination of this season's competition.

Borussia Moenchengladbach hold a 3-1 lead over St. Etienne and have the home leg to come, Stuttgart take a 3-1 lead to Lokomotiv Sofia, Bayern Munich were beaten by only one goal in the leg against Kaiserslautern and Eintracht Frankfurt have a 4-1 advantage over Sbrojovka.

Ouch! What a warm-up

Warm-ups are getting very dangerous. Take the case of Blyth Spartans star Alan Walker.

The big defender was ready to go into action against Whitby and was carrying out his last exercises in the dressing room—and headed a concrete beam. He needed five stitches in the wound and was still dazed when his team-mates came in after a 2-0 success.



All Our Yesteryears

SCRAPBOOK

Albion have had two very successful periods in their many meetings with Bolton Wanderers. The first was between 1896-97 and 1920-21 and the second from 1953-54 to 1973-74.

Bolton, in that 25 year period either side the turn of the century, only registered one victory in 14 League visits to West Bromwich, and during that 20 year span from the mid-fifties to the mid-seventies, Albion stayed unbeaten in 12 encounters at The Hawthorns.

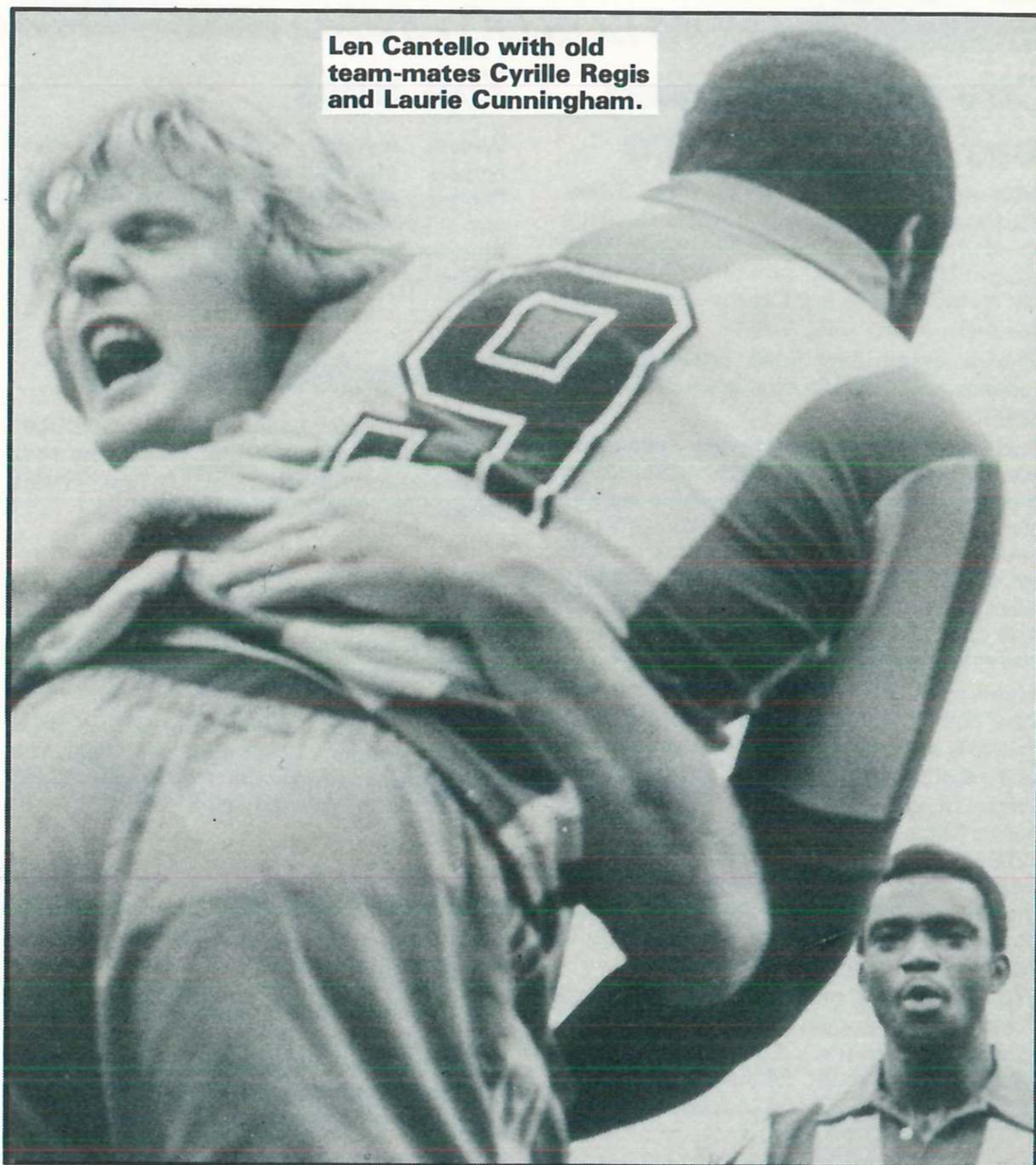
'The Trotters' (Bolton's nickname) had their best undefeated stint at Burnden Park between 1920 and 1951 when visiting Albion were unsuccessful in 13 trips.

The clubs first met in a League match on November 5th, 1888 when Wanderers blasted Albion 5-1 at Stoney Lane. Two participating players—Hendry of Albion, and Siddons of Bolton—were involved in a fierce fighting tussle near the end of this match and both were later suspended for a month by the League Commission.

Albion crashed to a couple of seven goal defeats at Bolton in 1889 and 1891, while on December 8th, 1900, Albion gained some revenge by tanking the Wanderers 7-2 at The Hawthorns in a style which flabbergasted the onlookers and newspaper men because relegation-threatened Albion had only scored 13 goals in 16 outings up to that stage in the season.

In 1935 Albion won through to the FA Cup Final at Wembley by beating Bolton 2-0 in a replayed semi-final tie at Stoke. Two first half goals by 'WG' Richardson and Sandford's penalty did the trick.

Since World War II virtually all Albion v Bolton fixtures have been closely fought. But four exceptions were Albion's 4-0 Cup win in 1975 and League triumphs of 6-2 in 1962 and 4-0 in 1978 and a Bolton success of 3-0, again in the FA Cup, in 1966.



Len Cantello with old team-mates Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham.

- The 100th League game between Albion and Bolton took place at The Hawthorns on April 8th, 1975, the visitors winning 1-0.
- Today's game will be the 124th between the club's at all levels of first team action. It will be League match number 106, and the breakdown in this field at present reads: Albion 37 wins, Bolton 39 wins and 29 draws. Bolton lead on goals—172-154.
- Players for both clubs include: Laurie Bell, Alf Bentley, Harry Boston, Len Cantello, Mick Gallagher, Nelson Howarth, Harry Kinsell, Bethel Robinson and Freddie Shinton.



ALF BENTLEY

With the rearranged date of this evening's fixture coming eight weeks later than the original date it was decided to scrap entirely the programme initially printed as so much would have been outdated.

There has been instances where for the sake of finance 'old' programmes have been issued with either an updated cover or insert attached.

Albion too can ill afford to lose the cost of producing thousands of programmes, however, it is our belief that as the link between Club and Supporter it is imperative that the matchday magazine is topical and as up-to-date as possible, and eight weeks lapse of time is too much.

I hope you appreciate the Club's decision.

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I am popping off the Bournemouth next Saturday but not, I hasten to add, chasing the sun.

Dorset Supporters Branch Secretary, Peter Siddaway, has booked a room at the *South Western Hotel* and I am taking the cinematograph down to show them films

Belveder's ground and has pencilled in visits to Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, and Kettering, plus many other non-League grounds.

Tony is the oldest youngster attending the Tuesday and Thursday evening training sessions at the Spring Road Training Ground.

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This last week or two has brought home to us the value that a Doctor has in his role as club medic.

In the absence of George Wright, coach Brian Whitehouse, himself being one of the injured, has taken over the Physiotherapist's duties, aided and abetted by Roger Rimmer. Doctor Rimmer has ensured that the continuity of treatment has been there pending Richard Roberts arrival.

This has meant quite a shuffling around of personnel and consequently we have seen Albert McPherson doing duty with the Junior players on Saturday mornings and then joining up with the Reserves for a further stint in the afternoon.

Ralph Bayley, the sponge-man for the Reserves has taken over that role for the senior team for the last few games. It's all go . . . but all's well that ends well.

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A few of the lads visited Cheltenham last week to sample the 'Sport of Kings'. They all professed to follow the horses but unfortunately their selections took the same view and followed horses only too far behind to be of any use.

Baggage master, David Matthews, delved into his spares to issue shirts to those who had lost theirs.

'Pop' said they all enjoyed the trip there and back, it was the bit between that caused problems. Ah well, you can't win them all.

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Paul Vanes has a few 1980 calendars going cheap. They are ideal for youngsters who like to keep pictures of their favourites, plus, of course, the nine months still be come datewise.

THIS 'N' THAT

COMPILED BY NEWS EDITOR GORDON DIMBLEBY

of Albion games, including the snippet of the 5-3 win over Manchester United at Old Trafford, last season.

Any supporters who may be around the area next Saturday are more than welcome to drop in around 8-00pm.

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Albion Sporting Club's third dinner of the 1979-80 season went off extremely well last Monday week.

International Umpire, Harold 'Dickie' Bird, proved himself to be as capable with words as he was with the bat.

The 150 members and guests were reluctant to let him sit down so good was he.

Helen Piddock followed 'Dickie', which would have daunted many a male, yet she had the audience enthralled with her anecdotes and snippets of letters received by her at ATV.

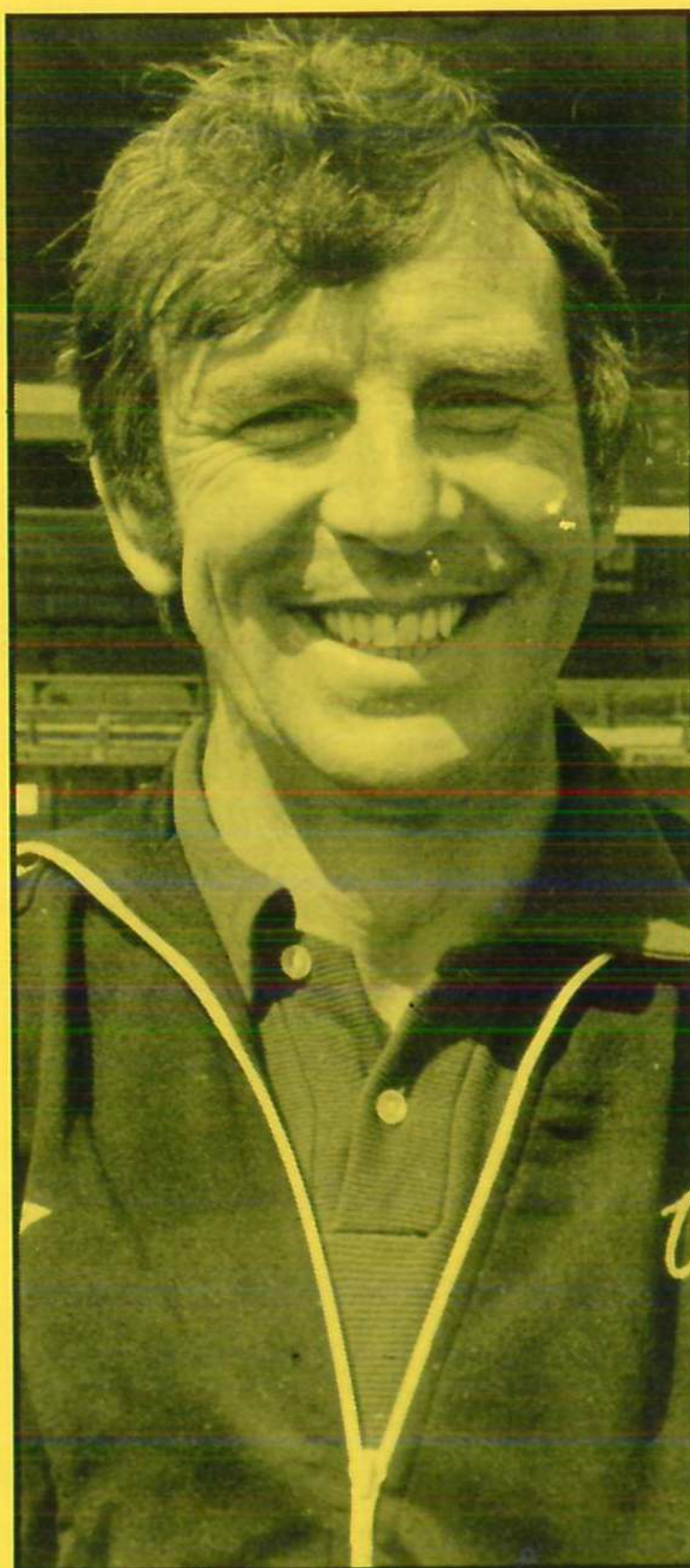
Sporting Club Chairman, Brian Boundy, came 'good' yet again in providing the top raffle prize of a complete suite of garden furniture, in all, eleven pieces.

Alistair Robertson's Testimonial Fund received a boost with Harry Pearson and David Carter chipping in almost £600 between them, having been successful bidders for the autographed Centenary footballs.

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Club Secretary, Tony Rance, is keeping his hand, or should it be foot, in by turning out for the TV Stars and Sports Celebrities XI.

Last Sunday he travelled to Erith and



BRIAN WHITEHOUSE



ALBERT McPHERSON

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES, GOALSCORERS, RESULTS AND ATTENDANCES 1979-80

79-80	Opponents	F	A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug 18	Derby County	0	0	24,727	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
22	Manchester United	0	2	53,393	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Trewick
25	Liverpool	1	3	48,021	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
29	Fulham (F L Cup 2 1st Leg)	1	1	14,617	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
Sept 1	Nottingham Forest	1	5	26,405	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Summerfield	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Trewick
5	Fulham (F L Cup 2 2nd Leg)	1	0	11,542	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
8	Bolton Wanderers	0	0	17,033	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
15	Manchester City	0	0	22,267	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
19	Carl Zeiss Jena (UEFA Cup 1st Leg)	0	2	21,660	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
22	Tottenham Hotspur	1	1	29,814	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Not Used
26	Coventry City (L C 3)	2	1	18,058	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
29	Brighton & Hove Albion	2	2	22,225	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Monaghan
Oct 3	Carl Zeiss Jena (UEFA Cup 2nd Leg)	1	2	19,204	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
6	Middlesbrough	1	2	16,312	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills/Monaghan
10	Manchester United	2	0	27,811	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
13	Aston Villa	0	0	36,007	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
20	Southampton	4	0	22,766	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
27	Coventry City	4	1	22,746	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Trewick
31	Norwich City (L C 4)	0	0	24,251	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
Nov 3	Derby County	1	2	21,408	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
7	Norwich City (L C 4 Replay)	0	3	19,676	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Regis
10	Norwich City	2	1	20,028	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
17	Leeds United	0	1	17,481	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Regis
24	Wolverhampton Wanderers (1)	0	0	32,564	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Trewick
Dec 1	Everton	1	1	21,227	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
8	Stoke City	2	3	18,865	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Deehan
15	Arsenal (2)	2	2	18,820	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Deehan
26	Bristol City	3	0	19,590	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Deehan
29	Liverpool	0	2	35,093	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
Jan 1	Ipswich Town	0	4	22,477	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown A
5	West Ham United (F A Cup 3)	1	1	21,321	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Regis
8	West Ham United (F A Cup 3 Replay)	1	2	30,869	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
12	Nottingham Forest	1	3	27,724	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
26	Crystal Palace	2	2	23,358	Godden	Batson	Statham	Moses	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
Feb 2	Manchester City	3	1	32,904	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown A
8	Tottenham Hotspur	2	1	26,860	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Bennett	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
16	Brighton & Hove A.	0	0	22,633	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Bennett	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
23	Aston Villa	1	2	33,658	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
Mar 1	Southampton	1	1	22,138	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
8	Coventry City	2	0	23,287	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Moses	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
14	Middlesbrough															
18	Bolton Wanderers															
22	Norwich City															
29	Leeds United															
Apr 1	Crystal Palace															
5	Bristol City															
7	Ipswich Town															
12	Everton															
19	Wolverhampton Wanderers															
26	Arsenal															
May 3	Stoke City															
10	F.A. Cup Final															

★ Next Home Game . . .

ALBION V

LEEDS UNITED

Saturday 29th March 1980

(Kick-off: 3.00pm)

APPEARANCES

Player	Apps	Goals
D. ARTHUR	34	1
P. BARNES	21	6
M. BENNETT	28	1
I. BENJAMIN	1	6
A. BROWN	31+1	6
T. BROWN	20+2	6
B. COWDRILL	19+1	6
N. CROSS	4+1	6
P. DANKS	21	6
P. EVANS	17+3	6
M. GREW	27+1	6
V. HODGSON	8	6
A. HADLAND	2	6
J. LOVERIDGE	2	6
D. MILLS	2	6
D. MONAGHAN	2	6
R. MOSES	2	6
R. PAGE	2	6
G. PENDREY	2	6
C. REGIS	2	6
J. SNAPE	2	6
K. SUMMERFIELD	2	6
D. STATHAM	2	6
D. STEWART	2	6
J. TREWICK	2	6
A. WEBB	2	6

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Players	LEAGUE		FAC		FLC		UEFAC	
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
P. BARNES	26+1	8	2	4	1	1	1	1
B. BATSON	30	2	2	4	2	2	2	2
M. BENNETT	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
A. BROWN	24+2	6	2	3	2	2	2	2
T. BROWN	12+3	3	0+1	5	1	2	2	2
J. DEEHAN	20+1	2	2	5	2	2	2	2
T. GODDEN	31	2	2	4	2	2	2	2
D. MILLS	15+1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
D. MONAGHAN	7	1	1	4	1	1	1	1
R. MOSES	26	5	2	5	2	2	2	2
G. OWEN	16	2	2	5	2	2	2	2
G. PENDREY	14+2	8	2	5	2	2	2	2
C. REGIS	27	1	2	5	2	2	2	2
A. ROBERTSON	29	8	2	5	2	2	2	2
B. ROBSON	16	2	2	5	2	2	2	2
D. STATHAM	1+2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2
K. SUMMERFIELD	12+2	1	2	5	2	2	2	2
J. TREWICK	31	1	2	5	2	2	2	2
J. WILE	31	1	2	5	2	2	2	2

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FA Youth Cup

Dec	5	Nuneaton Borough (Round 2)	1	0
Jan	9	Peterborough United (Round 3)	2	0
Feb	30	Luton Town (Round 4)	3	1
Mar	26	Aston Villa (Round 5)	1	1
	3	Aston Villa (Round 5, Replay)	2	3

Lucky Programme

If your programme carries the signature of our Commercial Manager on this page, you are entitled to collect two dozen cans of *Hemling Lite-Lager* donated by courtesy of Mr Tony O'Hare and Mitchells & Butlers (West). Simply present your programme at the Club Shop after the game to claim your prize.

Intermediate League			Opponents		F A
79-80					
Aug 18		Bristol City	..	..	2 3
25		Bristol Rovers	..	..	1 2
Sept 1		Port Vale	..	..	1 0
8		Mansfield	..	..	0 2
15		Walsall	..	..	0 2
22		Notts. County	..	..	1 1
29		Stoke	..	..	0 0
Oct 6		Shrewsbury Town	..	..	0 2
20		Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	1 0
27		Aston Villa	..	..	0 1
Nov 3		Coventry City	..	..	1 0
10		Nottigham Forest	..	..	1 2
17		Walsall	..	..	0 2
24		Bristol City	..	..	2 3
Dec 4		Bristol Rovers	..	..	1 1
8		Notts. County	..	..	1 2
22		Nottigham Forest	..	..	3 2
29		Port Vale	..	..	2 2
1980					
Jan 2		Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	5 1
5		Shrewsbury Town	..	..	5 2
12		Stoke City	..	..	0 1
26		Coventry City	..	..	0 1
Feb 2		Aston Villa	..	..	0 1
16		Mansfield	..	..	2 4
23		Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	4 3
Mar 6		Coventry City	..	..	4 0

Midland Youth League/Cup					
Aug 22		Swindon Town	..	..	0 1
Sept 4		Leicester City	..	..	1 1
12		Wolverhampton	..	..	2 0
19		Bristol City	..	..	1 0
26		Bristol City	..	..	2 1
Oct 3		Bristol City	..	..	1 0
10		Northampton	..	..	4 0
23		Derby County	..	..	2 1
Nov 1		Birmingham City	..	..	0 3
14		Birmingham City	..	..	2 0
29		Luton Town	..	..	0 1
Dec 12		Leicester City	..	..	3 0
19		Coventry City	..	..	2 1
Feb 20		Derby County	..	..	2 1
Mar 1		Coventry City	..	..	0 1

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	32	17	9	6	74	34	43
Coventry City	31	17	7	7	72	45	41
Nottingham Forest	31	16	8	7	55	33	40
Manchester United	32	15	10	7	54	34	40
W.B. Albion	34	14	12	8	57	40	40
Everton	31	15	7	9	51	32	37
Wolverhampton W.	27	15	5	7	57	29	35
Manchester City	31	13	9	9	44	35	35
Derby County	33	11	12	10	45	46	35
Aston Villa	29	13	8	8	46	33	34
Burnley	30	13	6	11	30	37	32
Sheffield Wednesday	29	11	6	12	49	49	28
Stoke City	28	8	11	9	35	33	27
Huddersfield Town	32	9	8	15	42	53	26
Newcastle United	32	9	8	15	29	44	26
Blackpool	28	8	8	12	42	51	24
Preston North End	31	8	8	15	33	53	24
Leeds United	30	9	5	16	38	53	23
Blackburn Rovers	30	8	5	17	40	67	21
Bolton Wanderers	30	6	7	17	37	59	19
Sheffield United	32	5	6	21	40	89	16

(Up to and including Saturday, 8th Match 1980)

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton	16	9	5	2	36	23	23
W.B. Albion	13	10	1	2	29	7	21
Coventry City	13	6	6	1	38	22	18
Birmingham	14	6	5	3	26	19	17
Swindon Town	14	6	5	3	21	15	17
Luton Town	13	4	5	4	14	19	13
Derby County	13	5	1	7	17	19	11
Bristol City	17	3	5	9	19	32	11
Leicester City	16	2	4	10	22	36	8
Northampton	15	1	3	11	12	42	5

(Up to and including Thursday, 6th March 1980)

ATTENDANCE FACTS ...

- ★ Albion's average home League attendance so far this season (14 games) is: **24,591**
- ★ Away from home, their average (17 games) is: **27,377**

**W.B.A.-
79-80**

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	D	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Liverpool	29	9	5	0	31	6	8	3	4	29	16	42		
Manchester United	30	12	2	1	32	4	4	6	5	15	22	40		
Ipswich	31	10	3	3	33	10	6	2	7	19	22	37		
Arsenal	29	8	5	3	21	9	5	5	3	17	14	36		
Aston Villa	29	8	4	3	21	14	4	7	3	17	16	35		
Southampton	32	10	2	3	40	17	3	6	8	9	23	34		
Crystal Palace	32	8	7	2	24	10	3	5	7	12	25	34		
Nottingham Forest	30	9	4	1	28	11	4	2	10	16	25	32		
Middlesbrough	29	8	5	2	21	10	4	3	7	12	17	32		
Wolverhampton W.	29	6	3	17	12	7	0	7	18	20	32			
Leeds United	31	7	5	4	23	17	3	7	5	14	21	32		
Norwich	30	7	2	29	23	2	6	14	21	31				
Tottenham	30	9	2	3	22	16	3	5	8	18	28	31		
Coventry	31	10	2	4	28	16	3	2	10	17	34	30		
W.B. Albion	31	7	4	3	28	17	2	7	8	15	25	29		
Brighton	32	5	6	4	19	18	3	6	8	21	31	28		
Stoke City	30	6	3	6	21	21	3	6	6	15	21	27		
Manchester City ..	31	6	5	4	19	16	3	4	9	12	34	27		
Everton	30	4	5	6	20	22	2	7	6	13	19	24		
Bristol City	31	4	5	7	14	22	2	4	9	8	25	21		
Derby County	32	6	3	8	25	25	1	3	11	5	26	20		
Bolton Wanderers	29	2	8	3	9	11	0	2	14	11	40	14		

(Up to and including Saturday, 8th March 1980)

FRIENDLY MATCH — BARNET 1, ALBION 2 Monday 3rd March 1980

Scorers: Moses, Mills. **Attendance:** 3,556

Team: Godden (Grew), Arthur, Batson, Mills, Wile. (Danks), Deehan, Brown (T), Moses (Loveridge), Monaghan, Brown (A), Barnes.

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Aug	Derby County	..	..
	Manchester United	..	..
	Sheffield Wednesday	..	..
Sept	Liverpool	..	..
	Manchester City	..	..
	Huddersfield Town	..	..
	Bolton Wanderers	..	..
	Newcastle United	..	..
	Sheffield United	..	..
	Blackpool	..	..
Oct	Bury	..	..
	Manchester United	..	..
	Aston Villa	..	..
	Blackburn Rovers	..	..
	Everton	..	..
	Coventry City	..	..
	Derby County	..	..
Nov	Nottingham Forest	..	..
	Leeds United	..	..
	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..
	Preston North End	..	..
Dec	Stoke City	..	..
	Burnley	..	..
	Sheffield Wednesday	..	..
	Sheffield United	..	..
Jan	Liverpool	..	..
	Manchester City	..	..
	Everton	..	..
	Bolton Wanderers	..	..
Feb	Newcastle United	..	..
	Blackpool	..	..
	Aston Villa	..	..
	Blackburn Rovers	..	..
Mar	Coventry City	..	..
	Bury	..	..
	Nottingham Forest	..	..
	Leeds United	..	..
Apr	Burnley	..	..
	Preston North End	..	..
	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..
	Huddersfield Town	..	..
May	Stoke City	..	..

Delby County	17	3	5	9	19	32	11
Bristol City	16	2	4	10	22	36	8
Leicester City	15	1	3	11	12	42	5
Northampton	(Up to and including Thursday, 6th March-1980)						

ATTENDANCE FACTS

★ Albion's average home League attendance so far this season (14 games) is: **24,591**

★ Away from home, their average (17 games) is: **27,377**




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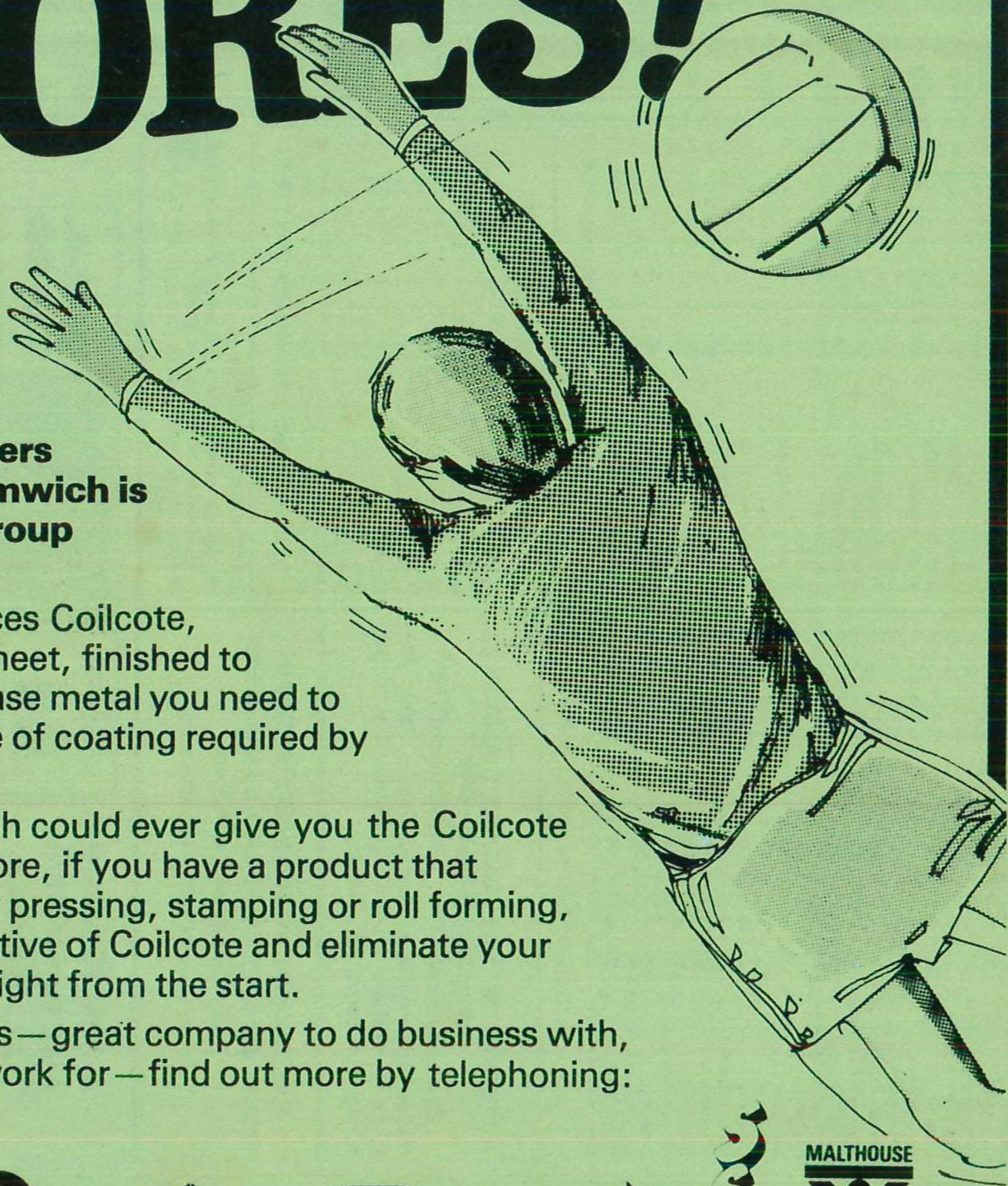
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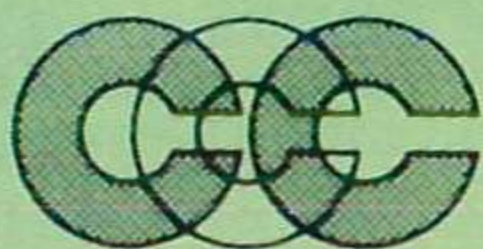


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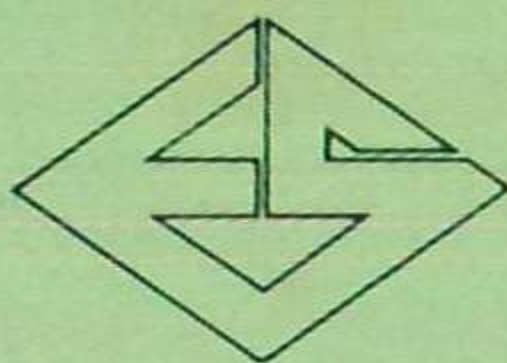
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